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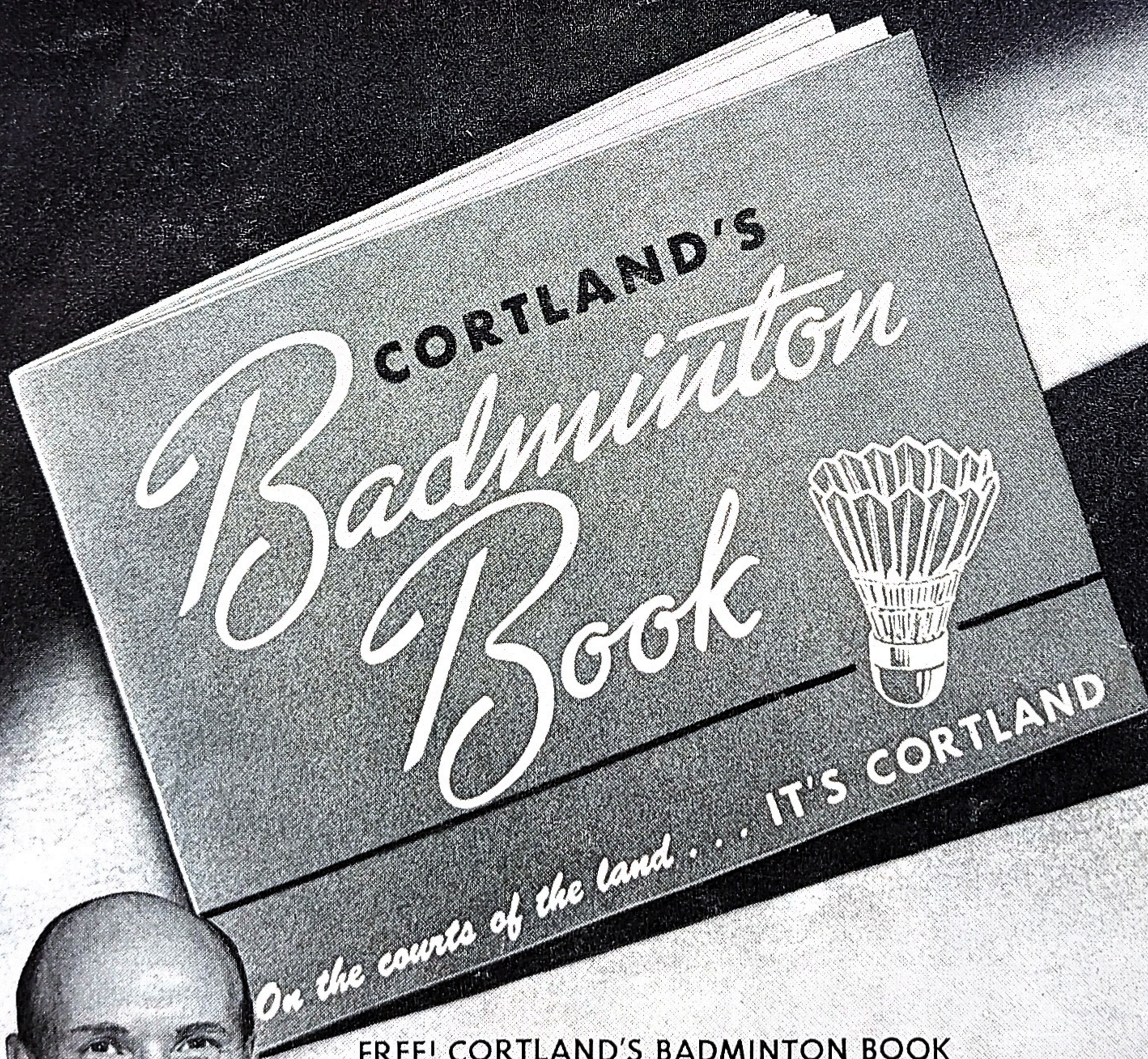


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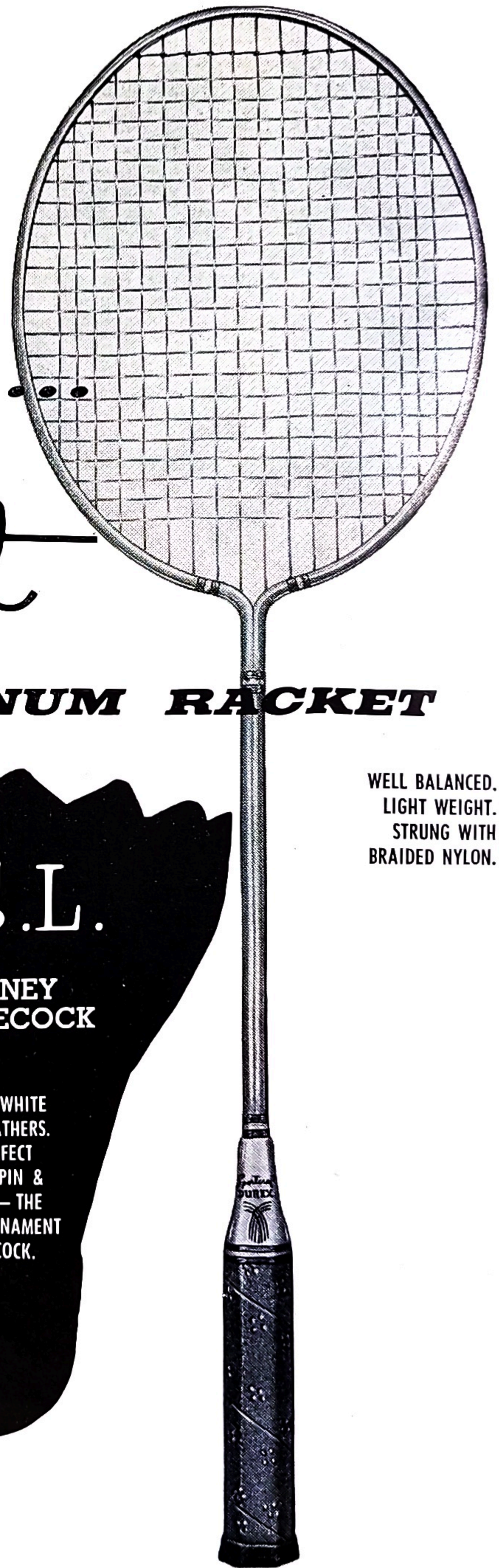
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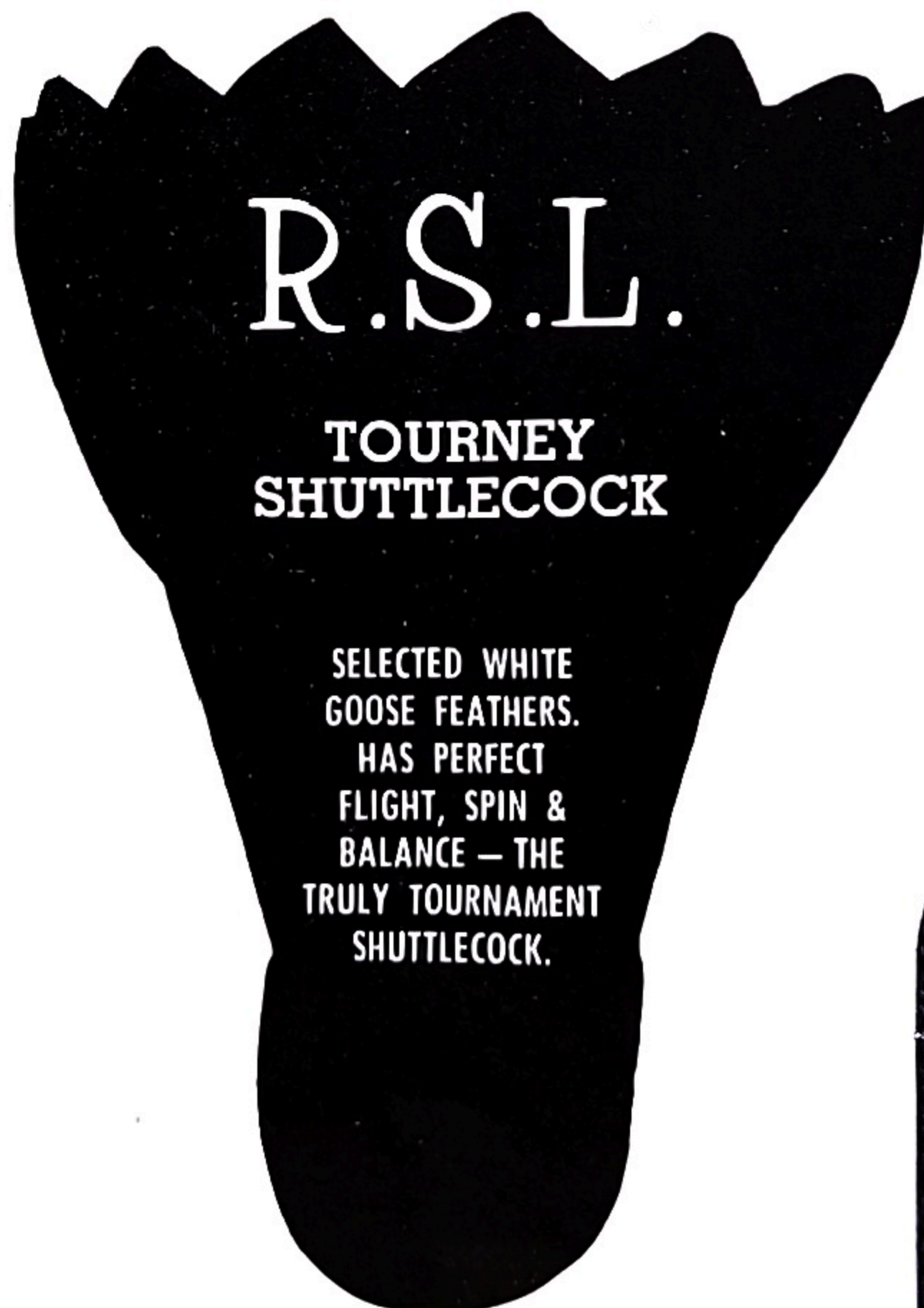
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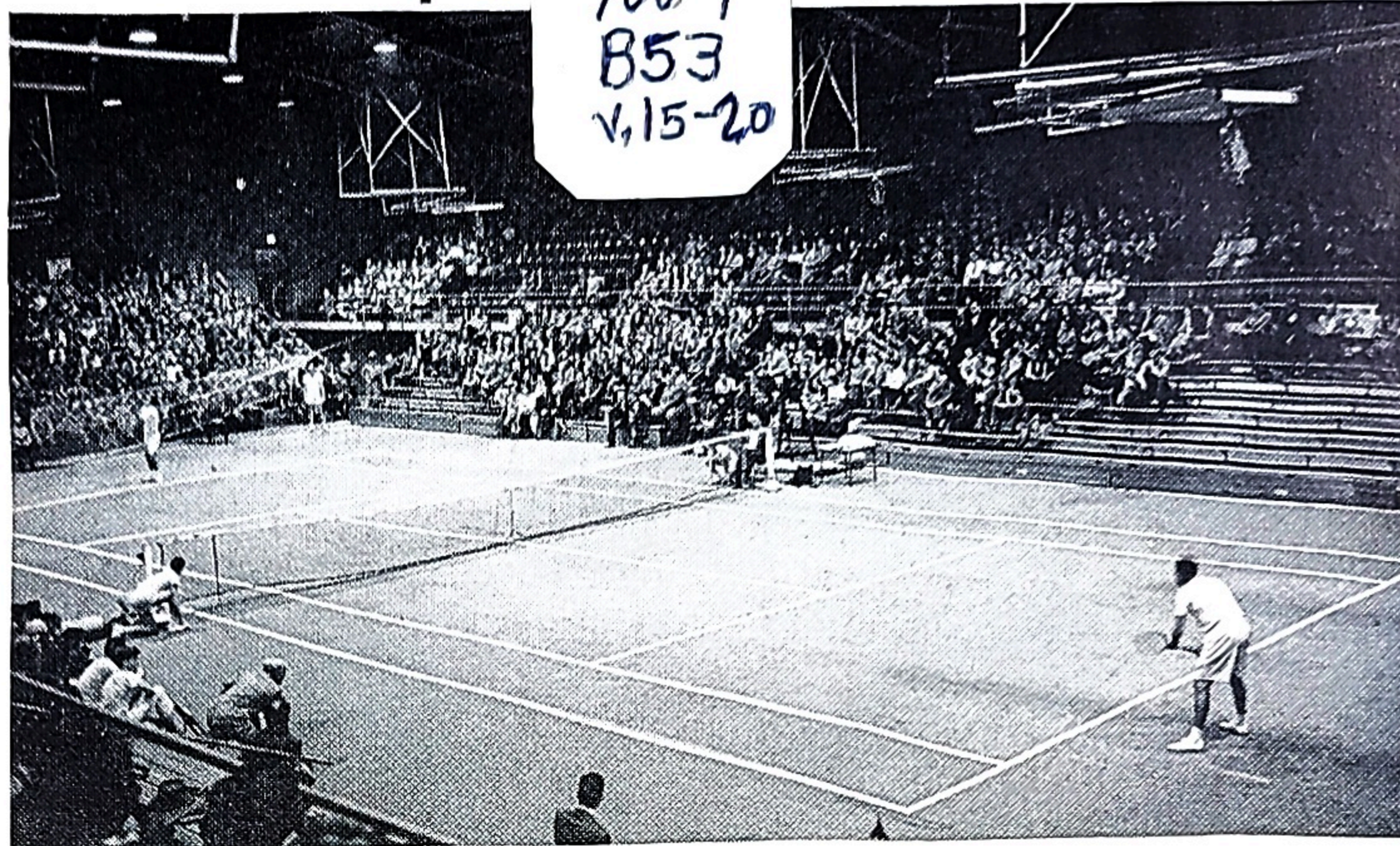
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St. Joseph Memorial Alumni Fieldhouse

Those of you, particularly on the East coast, who have participated in the last two annual Middle Atlantic Badminton Championships need no introduction to the beautiful St. Joseph's Memorial Alumni Field House located just outside the city of Philadelphia, Pa. This is the gymnasium of St. Joseph's College which has produced so many famous basketball teams. Here lies an ideal setting for a national badminton tournament. The floor can easily accommodate 6 to 8 courts as needed and has an adequate lighting system. There are many good locker facilities, rest rooms, telephones, a snack bar, etc.

Transportation facilities to and from the St. Joseph's Field House are very good. Headquarters for the tournament will probably be at the Penn-Sherwood Hotel which is only a short distance from the gym.

No one needs to be told of the

many historic sites surrounding and in the Philadelphia area such as Independence Hall, Valley Forge Park and many, many others. Philadelphia is also rich in entertainment fields and is within easy reach of New York, Baltimore and Washington.

Several preliminary meetings have already been held to organize this great project and a large important meeting was held in September. The entire project will be headed by Peter Salmon and he will be assisted by such key men and women as Endsley Fairman, Harry Hackett, Jack Vaniver, Charles Hickman, John Cornell, Art Jones, Corrie Bender, Pat Cornell and many others.

This is just a small preview of what the 1956 Nationals holds for its participants and friends. Watch your future issues of "Bird Chatter" for further details and information on next year's Nationals.

IBF Open Championships for 1955 - 56

Country	Place	Dates
Norway	Oslo	November 12-13, 1955
Denmark	Copenhagen	November 18-21, 1955
Wales	Llandudno	November 30-December 3, 1955
India	*	December 1-December 11, 1955
Scotland	Edinburgh	January 13-14, 1956
Ireland	*	February 15-18, 1956
England	London	March 14-17, 1956
United States	Philadelphia	April 4-7, 1956
France	Paris	April —, —
Netherlands	*	*

* Not yet decided.

NATIONAL BANKINGS

1955-56

MEN'S SINGLES

1. Joe Alston California
2. Dick Mitchell California
3. Carl Loveday California
4. Ted Moehlmann Missouri
5. Ronnie Palmer California
6. Bill Berry California
7. Bob Williams New York
8. Manuel Armendariz California
9. Don Davis Washington
10. Michael Roche Maryland

HONORABLE MENTION

- Noel Fehm Connecticut
 John Leib California
 Vic Pritula Michigan

NOT RANKED—Insufficient Data

- Mike Hartgrove California
 Stan Sangdahl Alabama
 Vic Van De Ven Michigan

LADIES' SINGLES

1. Margaret Varner Massachusetts
2. Judy Devlin Maryland
3. Lois Alston California
4. Abbie Rutledge Indiana
5. Thelma Welcome California
6. Beulah Bymaster California
7. Jean Gibbs California
8. Marge Wright Ohio
9. Lee Chadbourne Maryland
10. Mildred Sirwaitis Michigan

HONORABLE MENTION

- Thelma Burdick Illinois
 Susan Devlin Maryland
 Joan Gibbs California
 Patsy Stephens Maryland

MEN'S DOUBLES

1. Joe Alston California
- Wynn Rogers California
2. Carl Loveday California
- Bob Williams New York
3. Manuel Armendariz California
- Buzz Martin California
4. Bill Berry California
- Dick Mitchell California
5. Earl Boston Illinois
- Ted Moehlmann Missouri
6. Bill Anderson Michigan
- Harry Drewry Michigan
7. Clint Stephens Maryland
- Michael Roche Maryland
8. Noel Fehm Connecticut
- Harry Quinn Connecticut
9. Bob Hardison New York
- Don Bechtel New York
10. Wayne Schell Massachusetts
- Bob Wright Massachusetts

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- Don Davis Washington
 John Kevorkian Massachusetts
 Mike Hartgrove California
 Alan Mahaffey California
 Vic Van De Ven Michigan
 Vic Pritula Michigan

LADIES' DOUBLES

1. Judy Devlin Maryland
- Susan Devlin Maryland
2. Thelma Welcome California
- Janet Wright California
3. Ethel Marshall New York
- Beatrice Massman New York
4. Lois Alston California
- Beulah Bymaster California
5. Dorothy Hann California
- Joan Gibbs California
6. Thelma Burdick Illinois
- Eleanor Coams Illinois
7. Carlene Hester California
- Jeanne Pons California
8. Helen Tibbetts California
- Jean Gibbs California
9. Lee Chadbourne Maryland
- Charlotte Decker Maryland
10. Rosine Capehart New York
- Doris De Lord New York

HONORABLE MENTION

- Wanda Bergman Connecticut
 Helen Gibson Connecticut
 Mary Connor Michigan
 Gerry Hengel Michigan

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- Ruth Berry California
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 Abbie Rutledge Indiana
 Mildred Sirwaitis Michigan
 Margaret Varner Massachusetts
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MIXED DOUBLES

1. Wynn Rogers California
- Dorothy Hann California
2. Joe Alston California
- Lois Alston California
3. Carl Loveday California
- Jean Gibbs California
4. Manuel Armendariz California
- Beulah Bymaster California
5. Ted Moehlmann Missouri
- Abbie Rutledge Indiana
6. Earl Boston Illinois
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7. Bill Anderson Michigan
- Mary Connor Michigan
8. Alan Mahaffey California
- Helen Tibbetts California
9. Bill Berry California
- Ruth Berry California
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- Margaret Varner Massachusetts

HONORABLE MENTION

- Clint Stephens Maryland
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- John Kevorkian Massachusetts
 Judy Devlin Maryland
 Buzz Martin California
 Joan Gibbs California
 Bob Stille Ohio
 Mary Jane Stille Ohio

VETERANS' DOUBLES

1. Roy Lockwood California
- Dick Fleming California
2. Wayne Schell Massachusetts
- Fred Fullin Connecticut
3. Howard Holman California
- Lewis Rulison California
4. Ken Aderholt Missouri
- Herp Perkins Missouri
5. Bob Deacon Washington
- Henry Mahnkey Washington
6. Bert Fish Illinois
- George Geever Illinois

7. Paul Coke California
- Tom Carter California
8. Herbert Burdick Illinois
- John Franczak Illinois
9. Dan McArthur California
- Al Wilkinson California
10. Al Kirby California
- Bob Johnson California

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- Harry Keating New York
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Malaya Retains Thomas Cup United States Bows To India

by Don Richardson
Chairman Thomas Cup Com. and
Team Manager

For the third consecutive time Malaya won the coveted award of Champion Nation by successfully meeting the challenge of Denmark, in the 3rd International Badminton Championships for the Sir George Thomas Cup, held in Singapore, Malaya, on June 4, 5, 1955. Score 8-1.

While the United States Team reached the Challenge Round in 1952, thru defeating India in the Interzone Final, it was India this time, meeting us in the first of two semi-finals. Ties, who knocked our team out of contention by a score of 6-3. In the other semi-final Denmark overcame a fighting, but weak Australian Team, 8-0.

In the Inter-Zone Finals Denmark's superiority in singles, plus the All England Champion Doubles team of Kobbero and Hansen were too much for India, and the Danes' 6-3 victory gave them the right to challenge the powerful Malayan Team.

Our defeat by India was naturally a tough blow for the American contingent of Captain Joe Alston, Manny Armendariz, Carl Loveday, Dick Mitchell, Wynn Rogers, Bobby Williams, ABA president Charley Newhall and myself. As far back as the previous July the Thomas Cup Committee, Ken Davidson, and the members of the 1952 Team had realized that, except for Australia, (still too new and inexperienced in this top flight competition) a tough battle was ahead in order to reach the Challenge Round. Preliminary estimates indicated two major factors, (1) the increase in strength of the teams of Canada, India and Denmark, and (2) the conditions of climate which had to

be faced should we earn the right to travel to Malaya.

We eked out a win against Canada, backed by two powerful doubles teams, though a point here and there in at least two of our singles matches might well have made a lopsided score for us.

Unknown and unrealized by most of the American badminton followers of this International Competition was the enormous difference in playing conditions in the hot, humid climate of the Far East. Strenuous efforts were made, on the part of the Team selected to travel overseas, to build up their individual stamina and speed, and the coordination of team play, to meet these conditions during the months from March on, augmented by planned exhibition matches enroute at Honolulu and Manila, and a full eight days in Singapore for final practice and acclimatization to the extreme conditions there. I can say, without any equivocation, that each

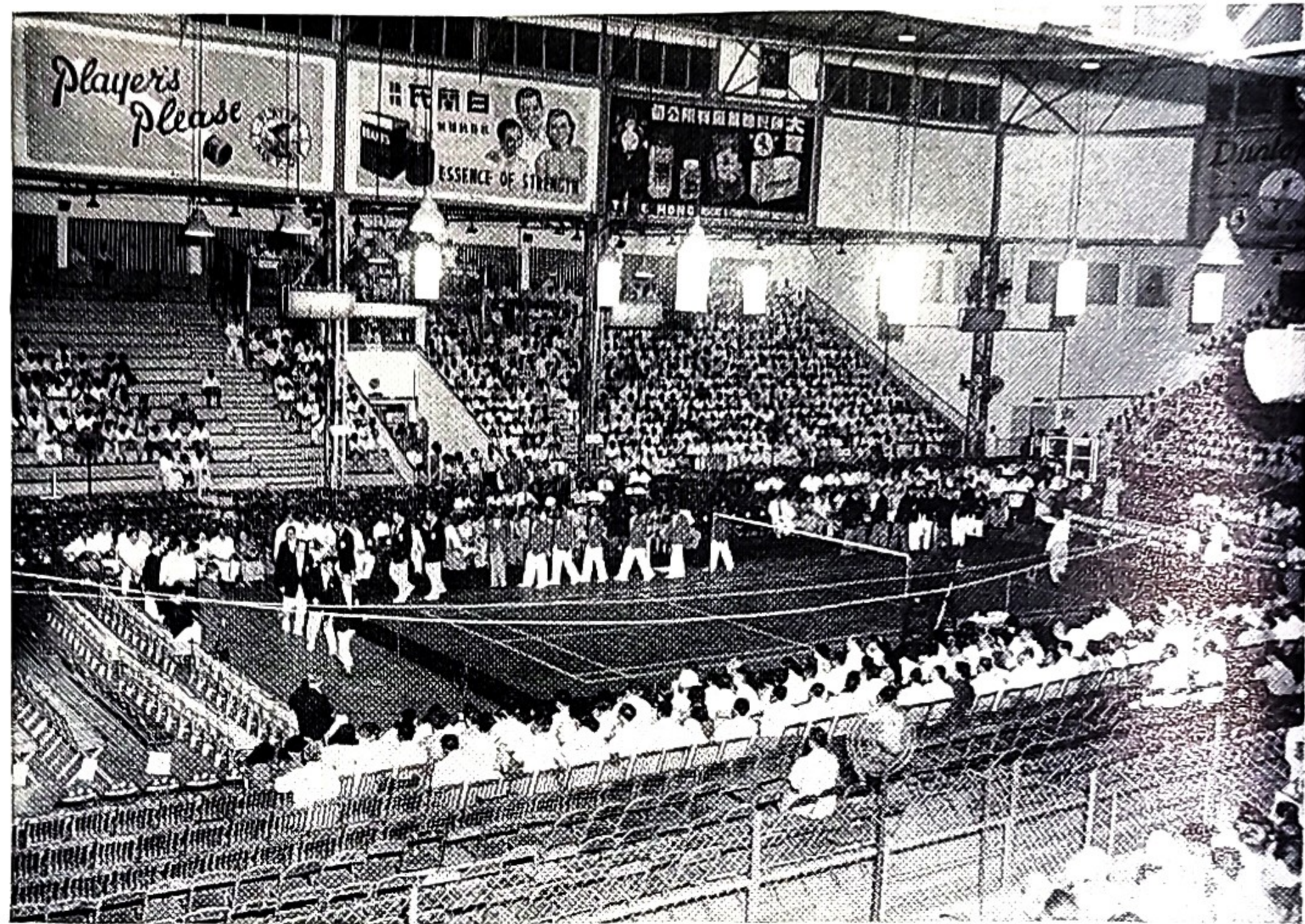
and every member of the Team was in the finest possible physical shape, and the "five old men of previous Thomas Cup play" had an added incentive, for perhaps it was their last crack at battling for the "Cup."

Experience in the 1952 matches had convinced Ken and the former members of the Committee that it would probably be necessary to break up our two strong doubles teams, for it was not possible for Joe Alston to effectively play both singles and doubles under Far East conditions. That we surprised the other nations, when this was done, is amply shown both by the Canadian Sports Monthly comment over here, and the newspapers and magazines overseas, but this action was considered many months ahead, subject only to final evaluation after arrival and practice, by the considered opinion of the Team and Manager. My reason for giving this above explanation is to properly acquaint the Americans at-home-strategists, whom we know have hashed this over "many a cracker barrel."

We received a crushing blow as a result of an accident when Bobby Williams' glasses exploded in his eye the evening before the first night's play (see details in the accounts of the matches), and we feel certain that a sure point was lost in doubles because of this, plus a strategic position of all importance. We made no statements about Bobby's accident, though it eventually came out, and we did not, nor do we ever intend to claim any alibis for our loss to India. These statements are merely reporting the situations connected with our operations. We met a Team that was better than we were during the Matches and, except for the first doubles match, the winners deserved their victories.

Enroute we were entertained in exceptionally gracious style by both the members of the YMCA at Honolulu and the Pan American Athletic Federation at Manila. One exhibition match was held in Honolulu and two at Manila, and these workouts were most welcome and advantageous. While in Singapore we were fortunate to be able to utilize the facilities of the new American Club, especially the excellent meals which were so much like our own cooking. We attended many receptions, etc., and had a most delightful visit at an American home. Many people had a hand in helping us with the numerous details of business and providing us with

Badminton Hall, Malaya



Picture from Straights Times (Singapore)

pleasurable moments. Special mention can be given to Mr. Lim Goek, Mr. Loke Wan Tho and Ong Poh Lim. Without the continuous assistance of Mr. Lim our stay might have been a considerable chore for your Manager, and similar problems for the rest of the party.

A real study of all the angles relating to conducting such an operation in the future will be thoroughly considered prior to making plans for any entry into subsequent Thomas Cup Competitions.

For those who are interested in the details of the individual matches the account of these follows in some detail.

The U.S.-India Matches

In the first night's singles play Dick Mitchell drew Nandu Natekar, the India No. 1 star, with Joe Alston drawing Capt. T. N. Seth.

Natekar was in rare form in the first game, making only a total of 8 nets and outs during an exchange of only 34 serves for both players. He took a 6-love jump before Dick scored, then 5 more with the last 3 coming on errors by Dick in the net and over the service line. Dick took 3 points from good smashes before he served out. At 11-4 Nandu had a run of 3 to 14, one a beautiful return of a smash, the others a net and an out by Dick. Dick fought back for 3 points to 7 before he netted for Natekar's game. The second game was a real thriller with both players battling for every point, as evidenced by the 62 serves it took before the end came. It

was Dick this time who jumped out to 5-1, with 3 points due to double hits off his smashes, while Nandu's only point came from a net cord. Nandu's great accuracy in cross drops and placed smashes now picked up 6 points in the next 9 serves, again helped by a net cord, to go ahead 7-5. Dick tied it at 7 all, Nandu went to 9-7, and then Dick took his 8th. Most of the points were won on outright smashes. It required 13 more serves before Dick made it 9 all. Nandu regained the serve after Dick watched a clear hit the line, and then reeled of 4 points on more good smashes to make it 13-9. After 6 service exchanges Dick went to 11 on a net by Nandu and a great placement. Nandu reached 14 with a clean drop, but Dick climbed to 13, forcing 2 errors, before he himself netted for Nandu's winning point. It was a great game with little to choose between them. Scores 15-7, 15-13.

The second match, Alston vs. Seth, was a long hard fight, with 83 serves in the first game and 73 in the second. Joe was mixing his fast clears with quick or delayed drops, but time after time his drops missed clearing the net by inches. It is interesting to note that of the 28 drops recorded in the first game he netted 21 and won outright on 7, whereas in the second game it was 11 and 10 respectively. No record was kept of drops made which were either returned or errors made by Seth, but it is a fair assumption that there were as many more as indicated above. The close margin

of error, which is so typical of Joe's game, gave the bench mixed emotions. He had Seth often out of position because of deception, and vulnerable for placements but Seth's terrific wrist kept him constantly in the game with almost impossible retrieves from even way in back of his body, and many of these shots carried deep to prevent Joe from moving in too far for the kills. The scores in the first game went back and forth up to 12 all where Seth took 2, the 13th on a missed set-up at the net and the 14th on a netted cross court return at the net from a Seth drop. Seth netted 4 on game point but had to serve again when he put a drop into the net. However, Joe came up with a beautiful fast clear to take the serve. Seth netted for Joe's 13th, and the 14 all tie came on another fast clear by Joe. The winning 3 points came fast now, a smash faulted by Seth and two more fast clears, one a clean point and the other the game winner when Seth couldn't quite get a full stroke at it. First game for Joe 17-14. In the second game Seth broke a 5 all score to work up to an 11-6 lead. Joe then dominated the next 18 serves allowing Seth only one point to take the

lead at 13-12. Seth got the deuce point and again went ahead to game point, but netted a smash. Joe deuced it and Seth set 3, cancelling the 5 point set Joe had previously made. It almost worked out, for after seven exchanges of service he caught Joe on 2 net errors to go to 16-15. Joe took the serve back with a beautiful flick which just caught the back line, flicked him again on his next serve to force a double hit for 16 all, and an out by Seth then gave Joe the game and match. Scores 17-14, 17-16. Both benches were exhausted, with the score now 1 for each nation.

The doubles coming up pitted Rogers-Williams against Guha-Hemmady, and it was sometime after the Indians' unbelievable 15-4, 15-8 victory, before we could understand how and why it could be. The answer was this. The afternoon of the previous day, shortly before supper, Bobby, while sitting in a card game, had one of the lenses of his glasses expand and explode with the splinters going into his eye. We rushed him to the hospital, the glass was removed but the eye had to be immobilized and covered by a patch. Some 24 hours later, though there was no apparent seeing

problem, the eye was unable to focus with proper timing on a fast moving object coming toward it. As no practice was held on the day of the match there was no tip off of the situation until he began to play. Even Bobby thought that he was just off a bit during the game's warm-up. The effect of it was that as the shuttle came near to him his eye would not focus properly, and shuttles he would normally move into or smash in front of him kept moving up to him until he was forced to clear when they had almost gotten by him, or hit up from a lower point than normal, if he could hit at all. We, on the bench, were amazed at fast-hitting Bobby clearing and missing what seemed like easy hitting shots. The next day he was given eye exercises which snapped his focus into proper proportion, and the route of their opponents that night left us with the feeling of having had the toughest break possible against us. And we say this is all deference to the nice game those two great chaps, Guha and Hemmady, played. From at least the normal play of Bobby and Wynn there could not be much doubt of the outcome any day, except that one. Score now India, 2, U.S. 1.

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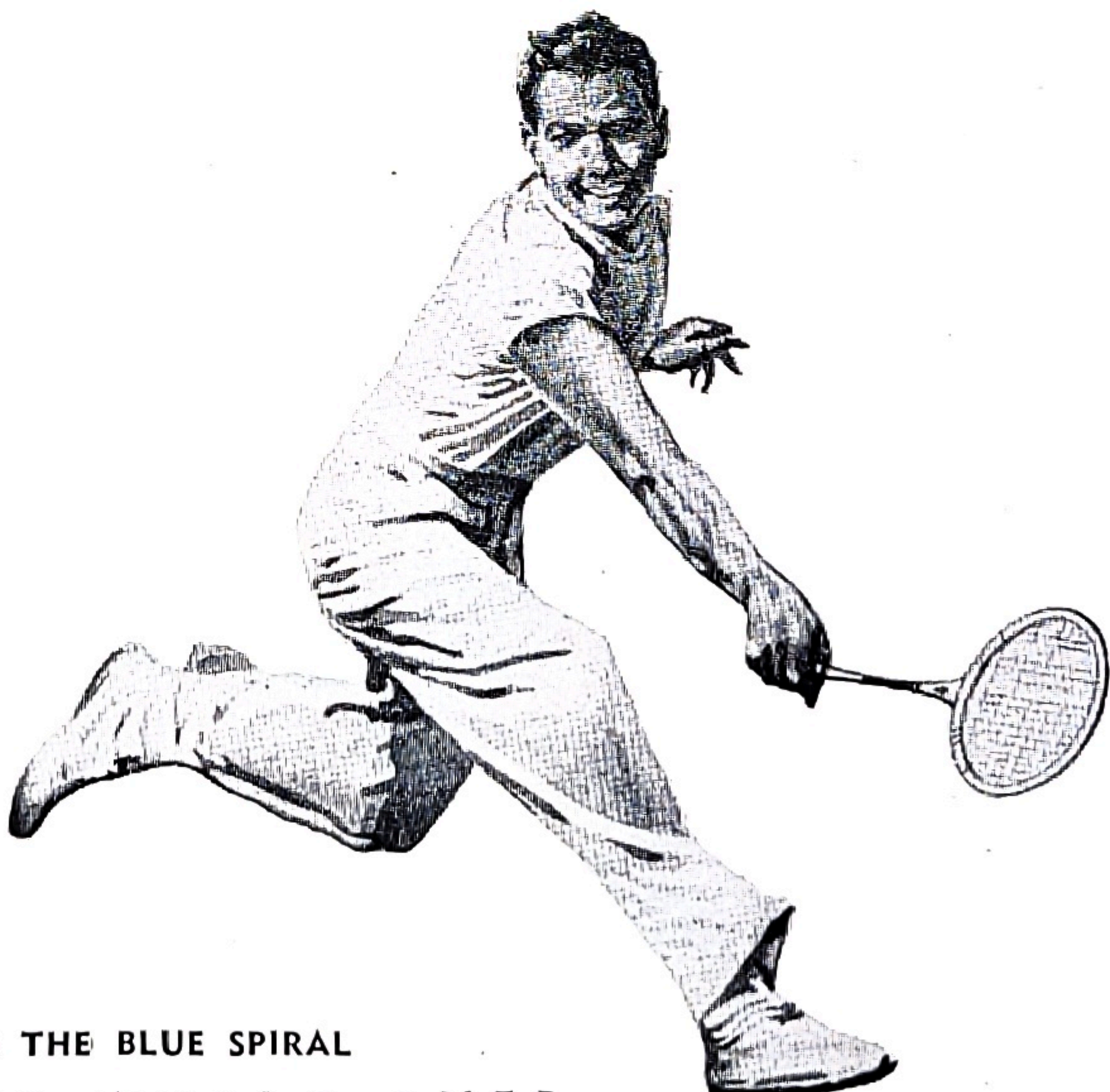
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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

by Jerry Eichelberger

The Seventh Annual Northern California Junior Badminton Tournament was held in May at Berkeley High School, Berkeley, Calif., with 215 individual entries. Junior players from 28 communities in Northern California entered the 12 different events, each with a first round loser consolation flight. The running of the tournament was controlled easier this year, because each player could only enter events in his own age group.

John Sutherlin of San Mateo was the only three event winner in "A" flight as he won the Boys' Singles, 16-18, Boys' Doubles, 16-18, with Joe Braun of San Mateo, and the Mixed Doubles with Marilyn Dunn, also of San Mateo. Lorie Lane of Berkeley won the Girls' Singles, 16-18, and teamed with Connie Gowen of Albany to win the Girls' Doubles, 16-18. Lorie also won the Consolation Mixed Doubles with Joe Braun. A repeat winner from last year was Jean Miller of Sacramento as she retained her Girls' Singles, 14-16 title.

The tournament was co-sponsored by the Berkeley Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Berkeley Recreation Department, and was conducted by the Northern California Badminton Association. Over 275 matches were played off in this one-day tournament on the 14 available courts. Many NCBA adult players and Junior Chamber of Commerce members turned out to help officiate the 11 hours of play.

Results of the various events are as follows:

Girls' Singles, 12-14

Dorothy Souza (Turlock) def. Esther Newton (Palo Alto) 11-4, 11-0. (Cons.) Connie Gowen (Albany) def. Lorette Labazaille (S.F.) 11-1, 11-3.

Girls' Singles, 14-16

Jean Miller (Sacramento) def. Deanna Winkelhake (Palo Alto) 11-3, 11-2. (Cons.) Gerry Bertetta (Daly City) def. Rita Weeks (Walnut Grove) 2-11, 11-5, 11-5.

Girls' Singles, 16-18

Lori Lane (Berkeley) def. Eleanor Ellis (Sacramento) 11-1, 11-1. (Cons.) Joan Machi (S.F.) def. Marlene Nichols (Redway) 11-7, 11-3.

Boys' Singles, 12-14

Stillson Judah (El Cerrito) def. Bruce Larock (Berkeley) 15-3, 15-3. (Cons.) Pete Edelen (Menlo Park) def. David Copenhagen (Menlo Park) 15-8, 15-7.

Boys' Singles, 14-16

Bob Castell (Albany) def. Rick Malcolm (Walnut Grove) 15-3, 15-4. (Cons.) David Munday (Palo Alto) def. Lewis Linson (Berkeley) 15-6, 15-7.

ABA JUNIOR RANKINGS

BASED ON 1954-1955 PLAY

GIRLS' SINGLES

1. McGregor Stewart Maryland
 2. Norma Slauer Massachusetts
 3. Barbara Prince Maryland
 4. Linda Flack Maryland
 5. Jay Tischinger Maryland
 6. Nancy Metcalfe Massachusetts
 7. Ramona Gunner Minnesota
 8. Linda Harvey New York
 9. Marcia Dotson Minnesota
 10. Jinny Hubbard Minnesota
- Not Ranked—Insufficient Data**
Dianne Ivie California
Lori Lane California
Noreen Raymond Washington

BOYS' SINGLES

1. John Kevorkian Massachusetts
 2. Ronald Miller California
 3. Bill Davidson Washington
 4. Russell Paquette Michigan
 5. Gary McFarlane New York
 6. Robert Steinwald Maryland
 7. Larry Marth Michigan
 8. Tim O'Donnell New Jersey
 9. Bill Bryant Michigan
 10. Larry Leider Minnesota
- Not Ranked—Insufficient Data**
Don Paup California
Carl Peters Washington
John Sutherlin California

GIRLS' DOUBLES

1. N. Slauer-N. Metcalfe Mass.
 2. Mcg. Stewart-J. Tischinger Md.
 3. B. Prince-L. Flack Md.
 4. R. Gunner-M. Dotson Minn.
 5. L. Harvey-Janet Ogilvie N.Y.
 6. J. Hubbard-M. Meagher Minn.
 7. J. White-R. Prichard Mass.
 8. S. Coulter-L. Windsor Md.
- Not Ranked—Insufficient Data**
D. Golick-D. Hageman Wash.
Dianne Ivie-Evelyn Simms Cal.
Lori Lane-C. Gowen Cal.

BOYS' DOUBLES

1. J. Kevorkian Massachusetts
G. McFarlane New York
 2. R. Miller California
W. Davidson Washington
 3. R. Paquette Michigan
L. Marth Michigan
 4. W. Bryant Michigan
L. Leider Minnesota
 5. R. Steinwald Maryland
Bernard Tally Maryland
 6. T. O'Donnell New Jersey
John Manning Connecticut
 7. Glenn Hackett New York
Ralph Kennedy Ohio
 8. Tim Halloran Minnesota
Tom Greene Massachusetts
- Not Ranked—Insufficient Data**
J. Braun-J. Sutherlin Cal.
Dennis DePry-R. Miller Cal.
C. Peters-Fred Peters Wash.
L. Leider-James Olson Minn.

MIXED DOUBLES

1. John Kevorkian Massachusetts
Norma Slauer Massachusetts
2. Ronald Miller California
Linda Flack Maryland
3. Gary McFarlane New York
Linda Harvey New York
4. Russell Paquette Michigan
Ramona Gunner Minnesota
5. Robert Steinwald Maryland
McGregor Stewart Maryland
6. B. Talley Maryland
Jay Tischinger Maryland
7. W. Davidson Washington
Barbara Prince Maryland
8. G. Hackett New York
Nancy Metcalfe Massachusetts
9. W. Bryant Michigan
Joan Wood Maryland
10. L. Leider Minnesota
Marcia Dotson Minnesota

Boys' Singles, 16-18

John Sutherlin (San Mateo) def. Billy Fay (S.F.) 15-3, 15-2. (Cons.) Ed Leone (El Cerrito) def. David Waters (Berkeley) 15-2, 15-8.

Girls' Doubles, 12-14

D. Souza-K. Stinchcomb (Turlock) def. E. Newton-Riesacker (Palo Alto) 15-11, 17-14. (Cons.) D. Smith-Tademy (Berkeley) def. S. Overstreet-B. Nesheam (S.F.) 18-16, 4-15, 18-17.

Girls' Doubles, 14-16

J. James-L. Mata (Esparta) def. P. Nicholas-A. Wilson (Palo Alto) 15-9, 15-3. (Cons.) B. Lerman-S. Lerman (Palo Alto) def. M. Hyde-L. Klahn (Palo Alto) 15-11, 15-6.

Girls' Doubles, 16-18

L. Lane-C. Gowen (Berk.-Albany) def. M. Rodacker-P. Miller (Walnut Grove) 18-16, 15-4. (Cons.) E. Ellis-J. Miller (Sacramento) def. E. Gaggerio-S. Massoni (Daly City).

Boys' Doubles, 12-14

S. Judah-F. Rinella (El Cerrito) def. J. Pierotti-R. Wise (El Cerrito) 15-3, 15-5. (Cons.) S. Prudhomme-J. Wyle (Berk.) def. K. Eng-B. Gintsee (S.F.) 15-7, 8-15, 15-10.

Boys' Doubles, 14-18

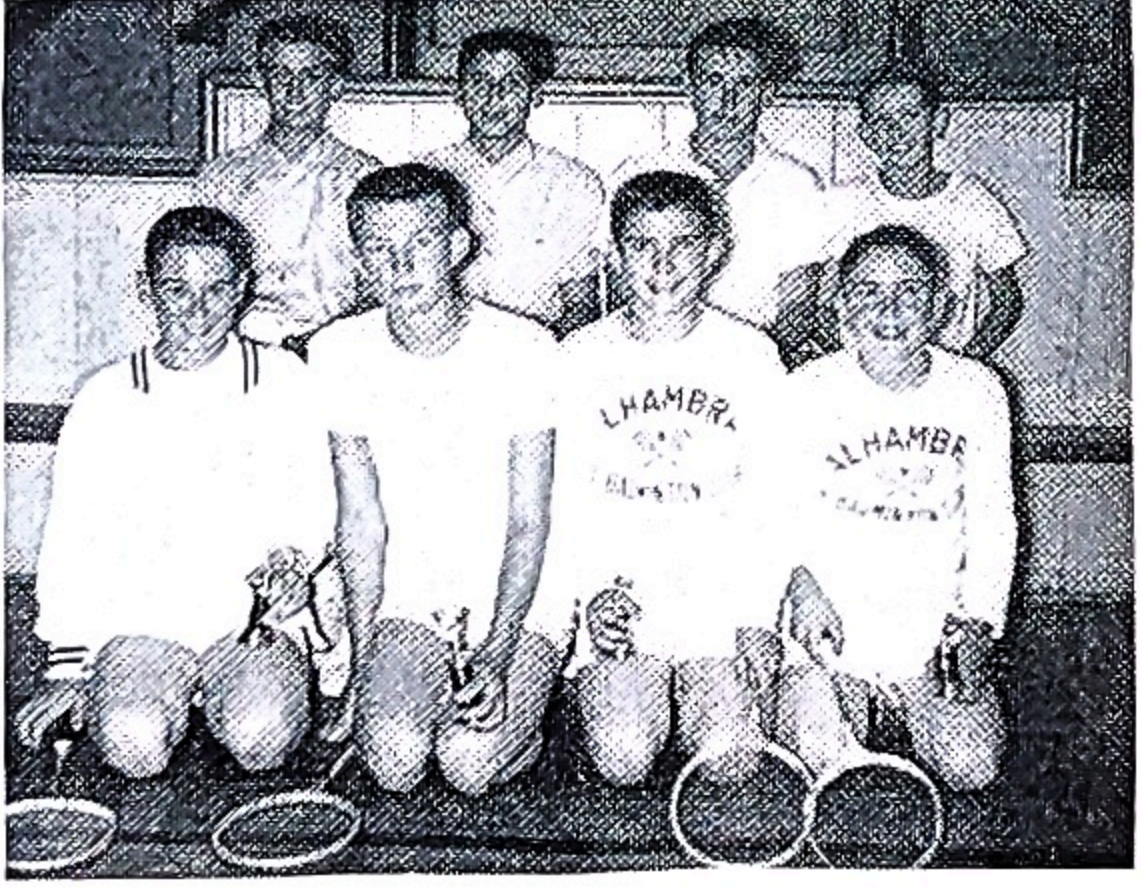
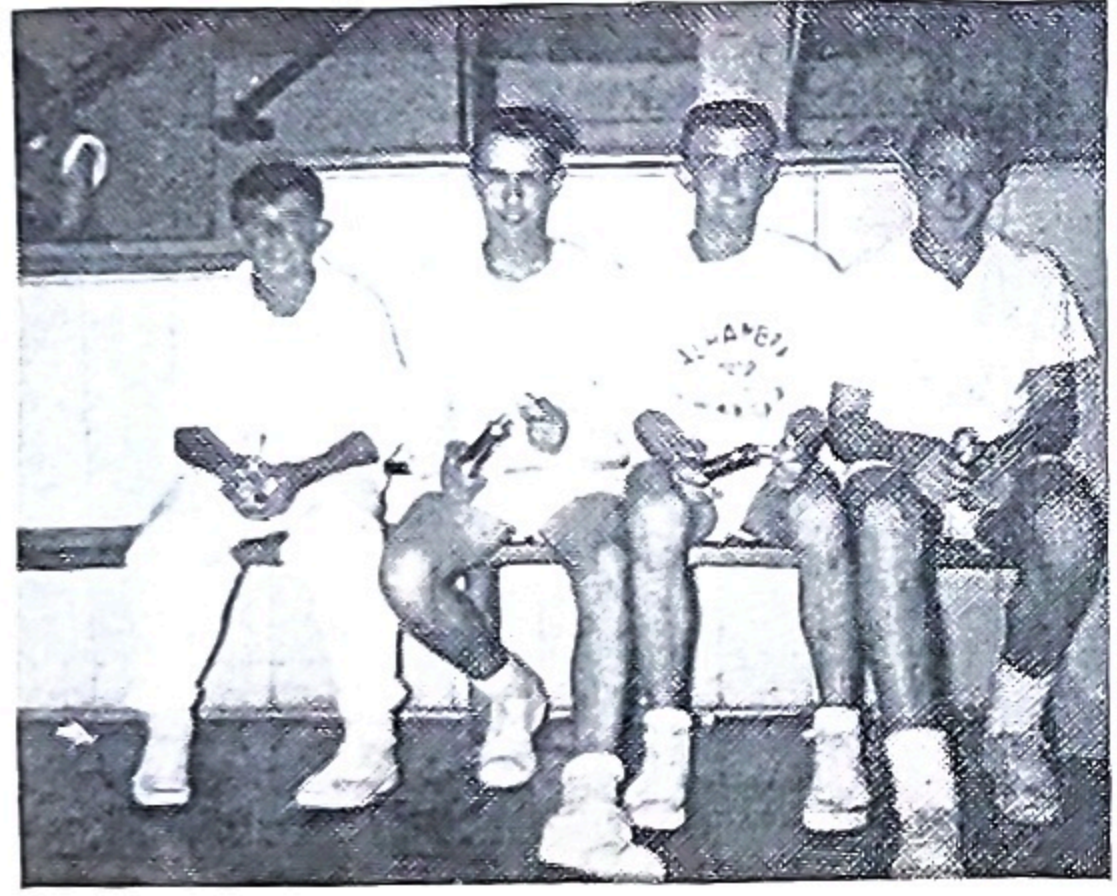
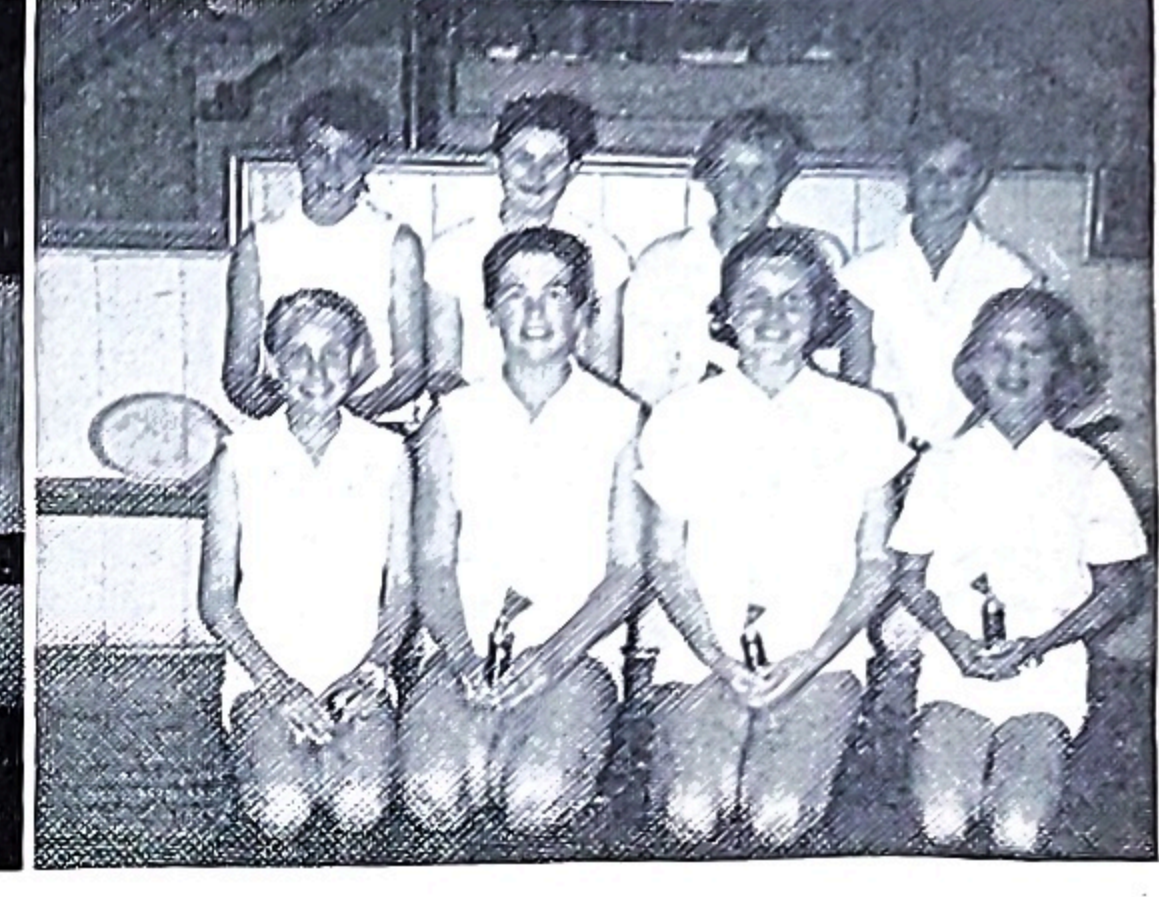
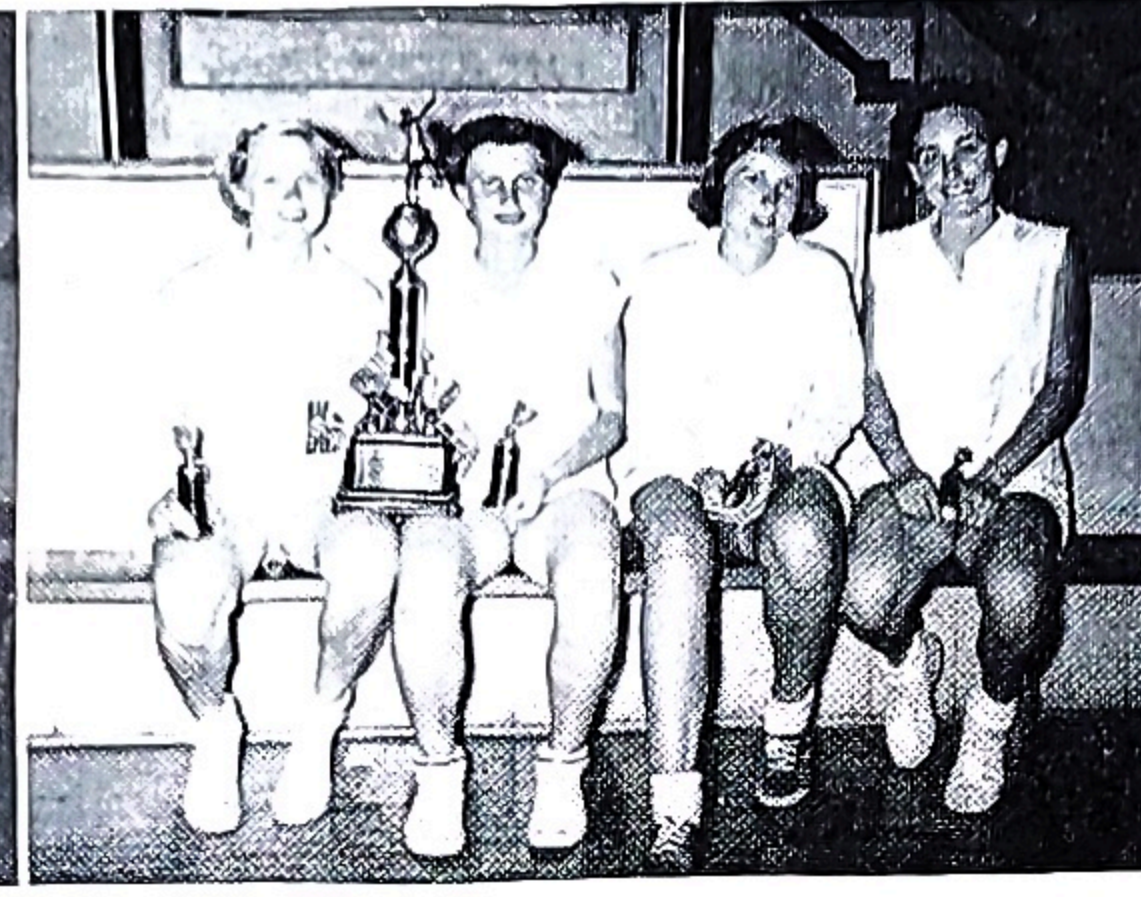
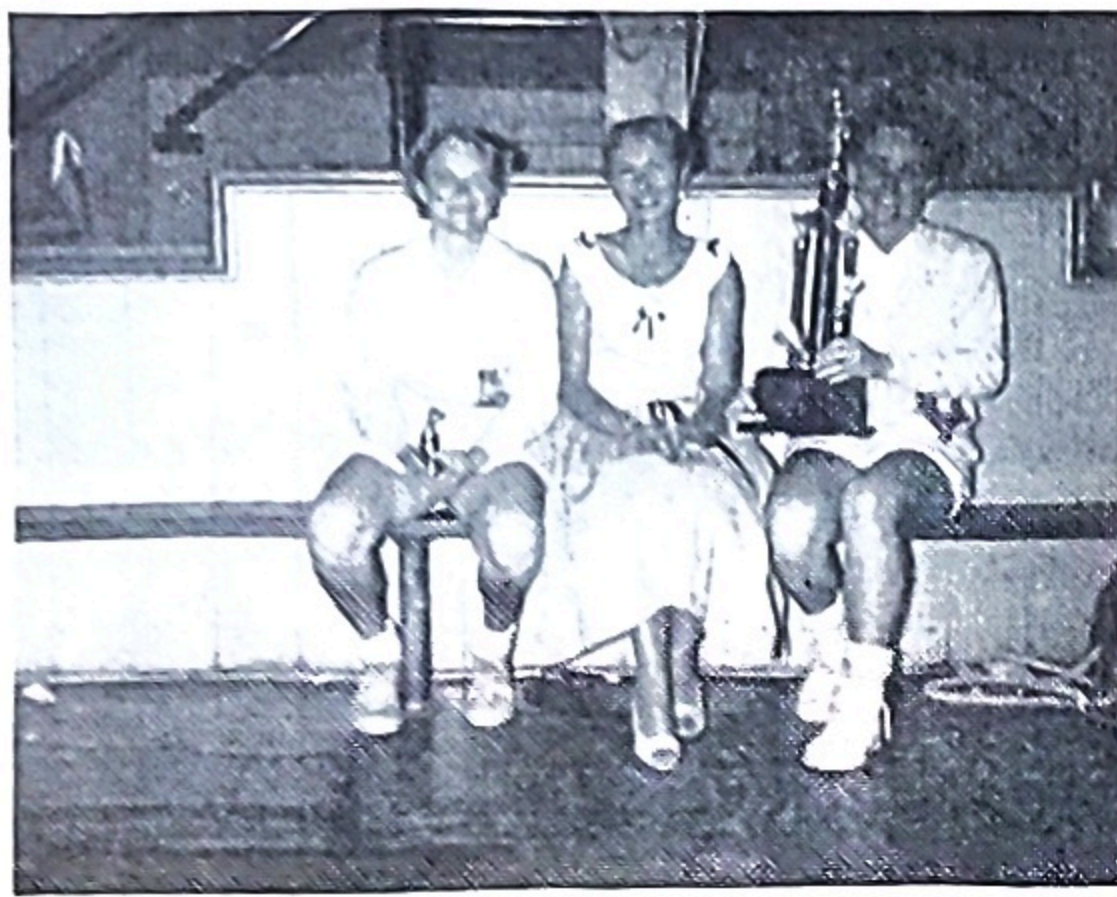
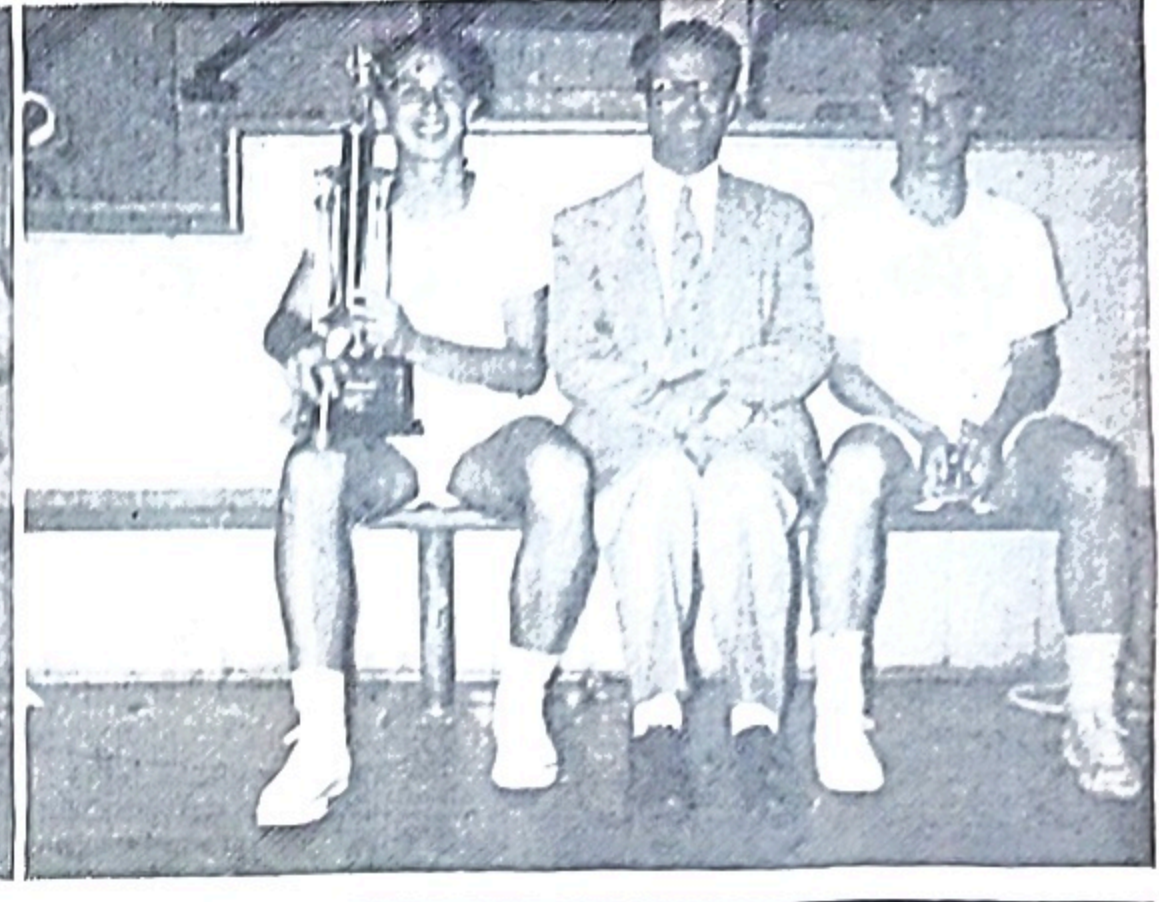
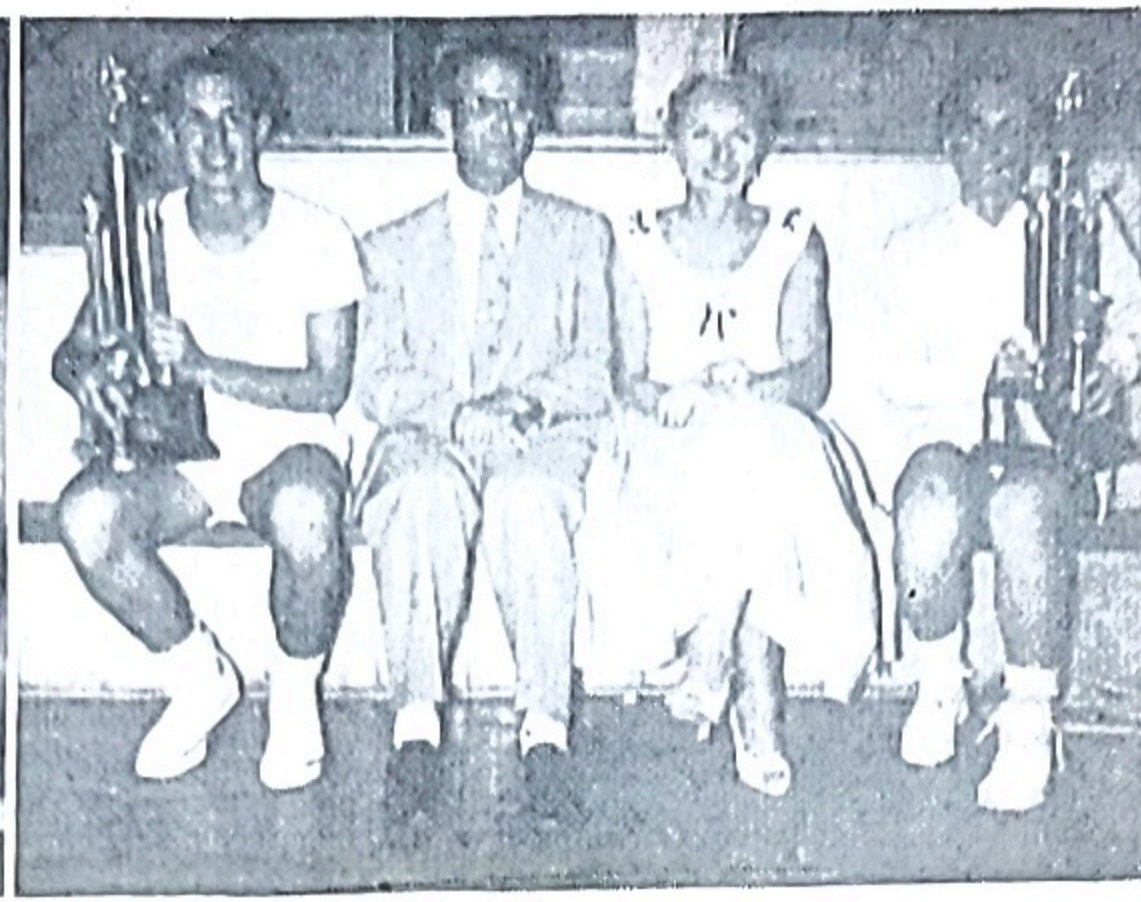
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Mixed Doubles

M. Dunn-J. Sutherlin (San Mateo) def. C. Gowen-S. Judah (Berk.-El Cerrito) 15-9, 15-8. (Cons.) L. Lane-J. Braun (Berk.-S.M.) def. J. Palmer-B. Damask (Palo Alto) 15-10, 15-0.

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Under 15—Semi-finals, Ardyce Carr def. Marlene DiOrio 11-2, 12-10; Helen Carter def. Sara Crisler 11-7, 12-11. Finals, Ardyce Carr def. Helen Carter 11-5, 2-11, 11-1.

Under 18—Semi-finals, Carlene Hester def. Sonya Johnson 11-0, 11-3; Diane Ivie def. Evelyn Simms 11-3, 11-5. Finals, Carlene Hester def. Diane Ivie 11-8, 12-9.

BOYS' SINGLES

Under 13—Semi-finals, Tom Trelloggen def. Mike Maurry 11-3, 11-7; Johnny Goodwin def. Stan Hales 11-1, 12-11. Finals, Tom Trelloggen def. Johnny Goodwin 11-2, 11-1.

Under 15—Semi-finals, Bob Mesias def. Ralph Armendariz 11-4, 11-4; Ted Ebenkamp def. Carmen Chiarenza 7-11, 11-2, 11-8. Finals, Bob Mesias def. Ted Ebenkamp 5-11, 11-6, 11-4.

Under 18—Semi-finals, Ron Miller def. Jimmy Lynch 15-2, 13-15, 15-10; Don

Paup def. Dennis De Pry 15-1, 12-15, 15-9. Finals, Ron Miller def. Don Paup 15-11, 15-4.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Under 13—Semi-finals, Karen Yetter-Jocelyn Cady def. Muriel Ruttinger-Sharon Goetz* 11-3, 11-3; Jeanette Stein-Mary Andrew def. Jane Engle-Susan Penny 11-1, 11-4. Finals, Stein-Andrew def. Yetter-Cady 11-1, 11-4.

Under 15—Semi-finals, Ardyce Carr-Helen Carter def. Jane Raney-Jane Bolinger 11-0, 11-2; Ann Erkkila-Donna Wyatt def. Jean Farrand-Neola Curtis 10-12, 11-1, 12-9. Finals, Carr-Carter def. Erkkila-Wyatt 11-3, 11-1.

*Games are limited to 11 points for juniors under 15 years.

Under 18—Semi-finals, Carlene Hester-Nancy Griffith def. Sandra Alles-Annete Weis 11-4, 11-7; Evelyn Simms-Diane Ivie def. Virginia Byers-Joan Primm 15-5, 15-4. Finals, Evelyn Simms-Diane Ivie def. Carlene Hester-Nancy Griffith 15-12, 15-9.

BOYS' DOUBLES

Under 13—Semi-finals, Mike Maurry-Char Clay def. Jeff White-Tom Petersen

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Plastic Shuttlecocks or Our Feathered Friend

by Elizabeth Anselm
(Southern California Badminton Ass'n)

For as long as I can remember Badminton enthusiasts have been trying to find a shuttlecock that will last longer and still not deprive them of the deceptive thrills that have made badminton so popular.

Being a former National champion and now an instructor of the game, I have often been asked what attracted me to the game in the first place, as at one time I was fairly well known as a tennis player, having won a number of tournaments in California and the Western states. This question always brings me back to the first time I ever tried to play Badminton. Being able to handle a tennis racket fairly well, I said to myself "this is going to be a cinch," and I will *never* forget the thrill of amazement when I first saw that feathered object coming toward me at a terrific speed and I pulled back to counter with a smash ONLY to find I had completed my swing and there right in front of me, hanging in the air, was this little feathered friend who seemed to look me in the eye and say "Ha! you missed me."

I think the sudden deceleration of a shuttlecock in midair is why badminton attracts so many people to the game. It looks so easy to hit and yet you will find yourself off balance and swinging at the air. After you have conquered this unusual deceptive feathered friend, you go in for the soft drop shots. These are the kind that just slowly float over the net.

Now the question comes up, what causes this deceptive object to do all these queer things and in going into the physics of a feathered shuttlecock versus a plastic shuttlecock, we find that the average weight for an indoor shuttle is 76 grains. Before I go into this further, I think we should consider just how light 76 grains is and I think the easiest comparison is to use a cube of butter which weighs 4 ounces. Now we will cut this cube of butter in four pieces and we have enough butter to spread a couple slices of toast, yet that small amount of butter weighs 437½ grains. Now we are talking about only 1 shuttlecock weighing 76 grains—mighty light isn't it? Yet our feathered friend is large in comparison to the small piece of butter. Our feathered friend is 3½ inches tall and 2½ inches wide at the top of the cone and when we

look at it closely we find that it has 14 to 16 feathers. The feathers are all alike because they have to be trimmed and graded so each one will do the same job when they are correctly placed in the base by the manufacturer. We have been told that *just* the feathers from the left wing of a goose are used for the best playing shuttle and at no time do the manufacturers mix left and right wing feathers in one shuttle.

Each feather placed in a shuttle has thousands of small feelers that nature has built to grab the air when subjected to air pressure and it is these thousands of tiny feelers that cause a feathered shuttle to stop quickly in the air after its normal distance has been traveled.

Next is the spin of a feathered shuttle. This is accomplished by the slight angle in which the feathers are placed in the base by the manufacturer. The spinning action of a shuttle is very important as it forces the shuttle to fly true through normal air currents which are present in any hall or gymnasium. Also the spinning action causes the feathers to spread out when the shuttle is firmly hit, causing these thousands of tiny feelers to grab the air, hence the sudden deceleration of the shuttle, which is the thrill of badminton.

Next is the balance point. Three-fourths of the total weight of the shuttle has to be in the extreme front end of a shuttle; if not, the shuttle will wobble on soft shots and generally it will fail to go over the net.

So far I have tried to explain what is expected of a feathered shuttlecock in order to produce the thrills of Badminton.

Now let's consider the Plastic shuttlecock. The overall dimensions of the plastic shuttle are smaller than the feathered shuttle, this being necessary in order to keep the total weight down. The balance point is much higher up on the shuttle than the feathered shuttle, therefore it will not turn over as quickly on soft drop shots. The plastic shuttle has very little spin, hence no quick deceleration and when hit hard, the plastic mesh cone (which is the substitute for feathers) collapses causing the shuttle to sail out of court. However, the plastic shuttle does have one point in its favor, it lasts a long time, but here again reports have come to me that the shuttle is destructive to the strings of your racket and the net, so after we add all this up, it looks like we are spending just as much and are

forfeiting the thrills of Badminton.

But there is hope for everyone in Badminton as there is being manufactured a feathered shuttlecock with no stitching and it has a flexible base that does not injure your equipment. It also has correct weight, balance, spin and deceleration and is easily repaired when a feather breaks. Badminton enthusiasts tell me that if you take the time to repair them they will last longer than any shuttle made, and the best part of all is that the Badminton thrill of deception has been built in the shuttle.

Well, I guess I am still in love with our little feathered friend!!

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11-2, 11-6; Mike McCallum-Jack Ricketts def. Johnny Goodwin-Brad Stevenson 11-2, 11-7. Finals, Maurry-Clay def. McCallum-Ricketts 11-2, 11-5.

Under 15—Semi-finals, Ted Ebenkamp-John Giles def. Michael Teobaldi-Bob Stengel 11-6, 11-6; Bob Mesias-Carmen Chiarenza def. Steve Frand-Don Drageset 12-10; 9-12, 11-3. Finals, Mesias-Chiarenza def. Ebenkamp-Giles 12-10, 12-9.

Under 18—Semi-finals, Dennis DePry-Ron Miller def. John Giles-Ted Ebenkamp 15-6, 15-7; Jimmy Lynch-Don Paup def. Jerry Browne-Rodney Starkey 15-3, 15-11. Finals, DePry-Miller def. Lynch-Paup 15-12, 15-8.

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MICHIGAN STATE CLOSED BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS CONCLUDED

The Michigan State Closed Badminton Championships held in Grand Rapids at the East Grand Rapids Gym, ended with titleholders in six events. For the first time the tournament was held outside of Detroit and was sponsored by the East Grand Rapids Badminton Club. There were 56 participants representing Detroit, Lansing, Kalamazoo, and Grand Rapids. Many of the players were midwest and nationally ranked by the American Badminton Association.

In women's singles Mildred Sirwaites of Detroit, ranked second in the mid-west and eighth nationally, defeated Norma Pritula of Detroit, ranked sixth in the mid-west, by the scores of 11-5, 11-3 and thus retained her singles title.

In men's singles Vic Pritula of Detroit, ranked fifth in the mid-west defeated Bruce Bedford, promising 20 year old player from Detroit, by the scores of 15-7, 15-4.

In women's doubles the team of Mrs. Sirwaites and Hazel Brown de-

feated the team of Norma Pritula and Dell Kondrath, all from Detroit, by the scores of 15-9 and 15-2. The team of Pritula and Kondrath reached the finals by upsetting the number four mid-west ranked team of Mary Connor and Gerry Hengel of Detroit. The local team of Anna May Aldrink and Patty Cliff reached the semi-finals where they were defeated by Sirwaitis and Brown. Other local teams defeated in quarter-finals were Monty Terryberry-Lorraine Hoppe and Fran Lunan-Virginia Cunningham.

The men's doubles event was marked by upsets in the quarter-final round when the Grand Rapids team of Emery Freeman and Parker Terryberry defeated the number two seeded team of Ted Brooks and Wayne Shepard of Detroit by scores of 15-11, 4-15, and 15-12. The top Kalamazoo team of Eric Pratt and Lee Koopsen upset the number three seeded team of Vic Pritula and Russ Paquette of Detroit by scores of 15-10, 6-15, 18-15. Pratt and Koopsen reached the finals by defeating Freeman and Terryberry but lost to the fifth ranked mid-west and ninth nationally ranked team of Bill Anderson and Harry

Drewry from Detroit by the scores of 15-10 and 15-4. Other local players were Ruie Frost who teamed with Bill Bryant of Detroit to reach the quarter-finals. Don Hams-Bud Hitchcock, Russ Weigle-Bob VanRiessen, and Bill Schroeder-Tom Steel, were also entered.

The outstanding mixed doubles team of Bill Anderson and Mary Connor of Detroit repeated their performance of many years and retained their mixed doubles title by defeating the Detroit team of Wayne Shepard and Mrs. Sirwaitis by scores of 15-11 and 15-3. Local teams entered in this event were: Freeman and Mrs. Terryberry, who reached the quarter-finals, Terryberry and Mrs. Cliff, Frost and Miss Aldrink, Steel and Mrs. Hoppe, VanRiessen and Barb Frost, Weigle and Mrs. Cunningham, and Thelma Cowan and Mrs. Lunan who teamed with Detroit players.

The team of Jerry Burns, outstanding mid-west veterans' player, and local veterans' star, Parker Terryberry won the state veterans' doubles title in a close match with the strong Detroit team of Ted Brooks and Larry Mularoni by the scores of 15-11, 11-15, and 15-10.

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1, Judy Devlin; 2, Patsy Stephens; 3, Susan Devlin; 4, Charlotte Decker; 5, McGregor Stewart; 6, Evelyn Talley; 7, Jay Tischinger; 8, Linda Flack; 9, Katherine Krauss; 10, Peggy McCuen.

MEN'S SINGLES

1, Michael Roche; 2, Clinton Stephens; 3, Richard Ball, Jr.; 4, Fred Steiber; 5, Ed Tillery, Jr.; 6, Osmar Steinwald, Jr.; 7, William Shipley; 8, Martin Herbst; 9, Hal Webb; 10, John H. Hessey, IV; Insufficient data: Bernard Talley, Jr.

LADIES' DOUBLES

1, Susan Devlin-Judy Devlin; 2, Patsy Stephens-Evie Talley; 3, Charlotte Decker-Polly Thompson; 4, McGregor Stewart-Jay Tischinger; 5, Maureen Russell-Linda Flack; 6, Katherine Krauss-Peggy McCuen; 7, Linda Windsor-Sally Coulter; 8, Eleanor Van Dyke-Jill Morrel; 9, Mae Shipley-Joanne Hessey; 10, Marilyn Traeg-E. Kimball.

MEN'S DOUBLES

1, Clint Stephens-Michael Roche; 2, R. Ball, Jr.-M. Roche; 3, C. Stephens-F. Barton Harvey, Jr.; 4, Fred Steiber-Hamilton Easter; 5, John McGee-William Eisenhardt; 6, J. H. Hessey-E. Tillery, Jr.; 7, King Drinkwater-W. Shipley; 8, H. Webb-John Stoltenberg; 9, O. Steinwald, Jr.-B. Talley, Jr.; Insufficient data: Frank Roberts, Jr.-E. Tillery, Jr.

MIXED DOUBLES

1, Mr. & Mrs. Clint Stephens; 2, P. Thompson-M. Roche; 3, C. Decker-S. Davis; 4, L. Flack-R. Ball, Jr.; 5, E. Talley-B. Harvey, Jr.; 6, M. Stewart-O. Steinwald, Jr.; 7, M. Russell-E. Tillery, Jr.; 8, P. McCuen-H. Webb; 9, Mr. & Mrs. John Hessey; 10, L. Windsor-O. Steinwald, Jr.

A New Tournament for 1955-56

A new tournament, the Towson Open will be held on Nov. 25, 26 and 27 in the gymnasium of Goucher College, seven miles north of Baltimore.

The Lilian Welsh Gymnasium has four well lighted and well spaced courts with a ceiling of more than adequate height. The building was completed in 1954 and contains a

lounge with a TV set, a record player, and good kitchen facilities where a buffet supper on Saturday and lunch on Sunday will be served.

Play will start on Friday night for local contestants and Saturday morning for out-of-town players. Entries are expected from Washington, D.C., Wilmington, Philadelphia, Connecticut and Massachusetts among others. There will be men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles. The object of the tournament is to provide early season competition and to benefit the Goucher swimming pool fund and the young players of our area.

Judy and Sue Devlin are the co-chairmen assisted by Patsy Stephens, Lee Chadbourne, Peggy McCuen, Miss Eline Von Borries of the Goucher faculty, Mr. Sam Roche, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Devlin and others.

Come all ye on the east coast and as far as Cleveland, too, and let's start the season with a bang!

WASHINGTON

Carl Peters won in all three events in the annual Park Board City Junior Tournament held at the Magnolia Fieldhouse in Seattle early in the summer.

Carl won the singles title for the second time by defeating Fred Nomura 15-4, 15-2. He then teamed with Fred Peters to defeat Hisao Homma and Bill Chinn 15-5, 15-3 for the doubles crown. In mixed doubles Carl and Deanna Golick defeated Dick From and Dorothy Hageman 15-1, 15-2.

Noreen Norman won the girls singles title by defeating Dorothy Hageman 11-6, 11-6. Deanna and Dorothy won the girls doubles event from Lillian Hoffer and Marlayce Halverson 15-6, 15-3.

The "all city" tournament is open to all junior players in the Seattle area. This year's event drew one hundred and forty-four entrants. Trophies were donated by the Washington State Badminton Association whose president is Carl Andersen.

The Seafair Badminton Tournament was held the first part of August in Seattle at the Queen Anne Fieldhouse. The tournament was sponsored by Greater Seattle, Inc., and Seattle Park Department. Serving as chairman and co-chairman were Carl Andersen and Donna Connolly.

In the men's doubles Del Slattery and Bill Tremper def. Dave Lycette and Joe Johnson 15-11. Barbara Arnold and Gladys Mallory def. Mats Ueda and Merle Peterson 15-12 in the ladies' doubles and in mixed doubles Mats Ueda and Dick Bonesteel def. Sherry Savage and Nicky Johnson 15-14.

The scores seem wrong for a tournament, but this was a *different* tournament. We took the strongest players, paired them with the weakest players, then paired the rest of the players as evenly as possible, putting the strongest teams in one bracket, next strongest teams in another bracket, and so on down, with five or six teams in each bracket. The teams in each bracket played a round robin of one game of fifteen points, then the winners in each bracket played each other for the championship.

This time of the year and with so many having other interests during Seafair, it is hard to pin all players down to two nights. This way they could play one or two nights without interfering with the schedule. We had the ladies' doubles, and the men's doubles Friday night, and the mixed doubles Saturday night. There were 58 persons playing Friday night and 53 on Saturday night. Refreshments were served following the play.

Detroit, Mich.—Geneva and Hans Rogind announce the birth of a son, Eric Sven, on May 17, 1955.

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Illinois—Shirley Hanzelin and Harris Till were married on October 8th. Shirley and Harris are members of the Chicago Badminton Club.

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San Diego—Carl Loveday and Lucille Annie Flournoy were married August 7 at the First Presbyterian Church.

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Santa Barbara, Calif.—The Santa Barbara Badminton Club is now playing on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 to 10 p.m. at the High School.

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San Fernando, Calif.—During the summer the San Fernando Tennis and Badminton Club was organized. Lee Wakefield was elected president and Dick Beaulieu, treasurer. The city of San Fernando allows the club to use three courts, without charge, in their new recreation building. At their

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first meeting Frank Foster discussed the type of equipment needed for both tennis and badminton.

CALIFORNIA

The Eleventh Pacific Southwest Badminton Tournament was scheduled for the week end of October 21st, at the California State Guard Armory in Pasadena. Serving on the committee were Joe Alston, Chuck Tibbetts, Loma Smith, Manuel Armendariz, Beulah Bymaster, Lois Alston, Buzz Martin, Helen Tibbetts, Mike Hartgrove, Joan Gibbs, Connie Davidson and Wally Foy.

Southern California News by Helen Tibbetts

Anyone who was at the Semana Nautica tournament (Santa Barbara) this summer can tell you what a doll the new Mrs. Bob Pitman is. The wedding took place in Las Vegas last May.

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The Hulet Smith's daughter, Julie, arrived home this summer after more than two years in Europe.

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The Moon Mullins are doubly proud grandparents now. Their daughter Marilyn had her second daughter Karen, in June, to keep big sister Regina company.

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Clever of Wally Kinnear and Faye to bring Sam (their Mynah Bird) to the finals of the Manhattan Beach Labor Day Tourney. Sam had as large an audience as the matches did. He wished everyone an early "Merry Christmas"; whistled at the girls, called the cat, counted to four, and ordered—"Don't just stand there; buy something!!"

GLENDALE, CALIF.

Fifty members of the Glendale Badminton Club enjoyed a Pot Luck dinner before the 10th Annual Business Meeting of the club on September 20th in Brand Park.

Elsie Van Hiel wielded the spoon of authority in the kitchen with the very capable help of Margaret Nagle. Mae Carr's green thumb saw to table decorations (mighty pretty too) Frances (official coffee maker) Fleming poured. The Glendale Gals long famous for their abilities as cooks outdid themselves. (Ask Fred Serafin). Dishpan hands Miller spent a

pleasant half-hour pearl diving and Babe Pajares flipped a mean teatowel.

The meeting was called (after all food was eaten) to order by the very dignified president, George Pajares (crew-cut Geo.) with his solid glass candle holder gavel. Election of new officers was held before other business since the retiring officers wanted to be sure that they were retiring and the incoming officers, being curious, wanted to know if they were to be elected. Newly elected officers are gavel holder, Spencer Miller; assistant gavel holder, Bob McMurray; official spoon wielder, Mae Carr; keeper of the minutes, Margaret Nagle; guard-er of the money, Art Nagle; and elected to assist the above in their exhausting positions were Elsie Van Hiel, Ann Foy, Ed. White, Bob Gordon, directors, and George Pajares assisting as past president.

Play will be at the Glendale High School Girls Gym on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Richie Fleming will be the official net putter-upper and taker-downer.

MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIF.

By Bob Worthington

The Seventh Annual Summer Doubles Tournament and the Los Angeles heat wave combined to make the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club a busy and hot spot over the Labor Day weekend. Chairman Gail Wyatt set up separate A and B tournaments with consolation flights in Women's, Men's, and Mixed Doubles. In addition, A and B flights were run in Veterans' and Veterans' Mixed Doubles.

Tournament Manager Fred Knight is still resting from trying to schedule the sixteen separate events on the three Manhattan courts. Fred is convinced that he needs more courts and more players who can compete in two matches at the same time.

The four separate flights were initiated to insure that all entrants would play against players of their own caliber and was an attempt to induce more novice and low A players to enter. Sixteen more players signed up for the 1955 tournament than did for the 1954 tournament. This increase in entrants during a period when tournament participation has declined is proof that A and B consolation flights fill a definite need.

The players escaped from the heat between matches by relaxing in the club swimming pool. The Sunday night party in the spacious lounge after the finals of the B and consolation flights rounded out a very pleasant weekend for the players and spectators.

The tournament play featured a surprising number of upsets. Seeded teams were upset in all events. Even the A flight, which usually goes strictly according to form in Southern California, produced upsets in the women's doubles, mixed doubles, and veterans' mixed doubles finals.

M.D.—Alston-Rogers def. Armendariz-Martin, 15-8, 15-10. L.D.—Hann-Gibbs def. Alston-Bymaster, 13-18, 15-12, 15-2. Mx.D.—Alston-Alston def. Rogers-Hann, 18-16, 15-7. Mx.Vet.D.—Knight-Davidson def. Kinnear-O'Connell, 15-9, 15-7. M.Vet.D.—Coke-Carter def. Johnson-Kirby, 15-9, 15-13.

B Flight Finals

M.D.—Fagelson-Foy def. Mies-Sarle, 15-13, 17-14. W.D.—Cooke-Wolfe def. Foy-Wells, 15-1, 15-7. Mx.D.—Hellman-O'Connell def. Mies-Mies, 15-4, 15-6. Mx.D.Vet.—Wilkinson-Cogan def. Kirby-Stevenson, 15-5, 15-6. M.D. Vet.—Wells-Gregory def. Giles-McLeod, 18-14, 7-15, 15-6.

MICHIGAN

Last season's officers were re-elected unanimously by the Birmingham Badminton Club to serve for the forthcoming season. Re-elected were H. L. Gordon, Jr., president; Erwin Wilson, Jr., vice president; Jane Piggott, secretary; and Pat Dupler as treasurer. Play began the middle of October and due to an increase of rent on their gym (Chanbrook School) the club will play only two nights a week instead of three as they did last season. Play will be on Monday and Thursday evenings from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The Michigan Badminton League held its annual meeting on Friday, September 16th, and elected Hans Rogind as president, Wesley Thompson, vice-president, and Albert Jacoby, secretary-treasurer. Hans invited some twenty-four guests to his home for dinner and a discussion of the possibility of Detroit holding the Junior National Tournament. After some two hours of discussion the group decided they would like to hold the tournament in 1956 and would discuss the place and date later.

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Why We Play Badminton

by Judy and Sue Devlin

When the editor asked us to write an article on why we play badminton we groaned audibly, gritted our teeth and prepared to grin and bear it.

How does anyone start playing badminton? Obviously one cannot play badminton alone, one must be introduced to it via friends or family, perhaps even by strangers. With us, oddly enough, it happened to be family! I, Sue, was about 12 when I started and I, Judy, about 7.

We had both learned how to throw a ball like a boy so learning how to hit a shuttle was just one step further. Judy can remember the first time she played, out-of-doors with Mother. Father naturally was anxious that we at least be exposed to the game he loved so much. Happily for him we both liked it. At school the teacher can make the pupils love or hate a subject, in badminton our teacher made us love it.

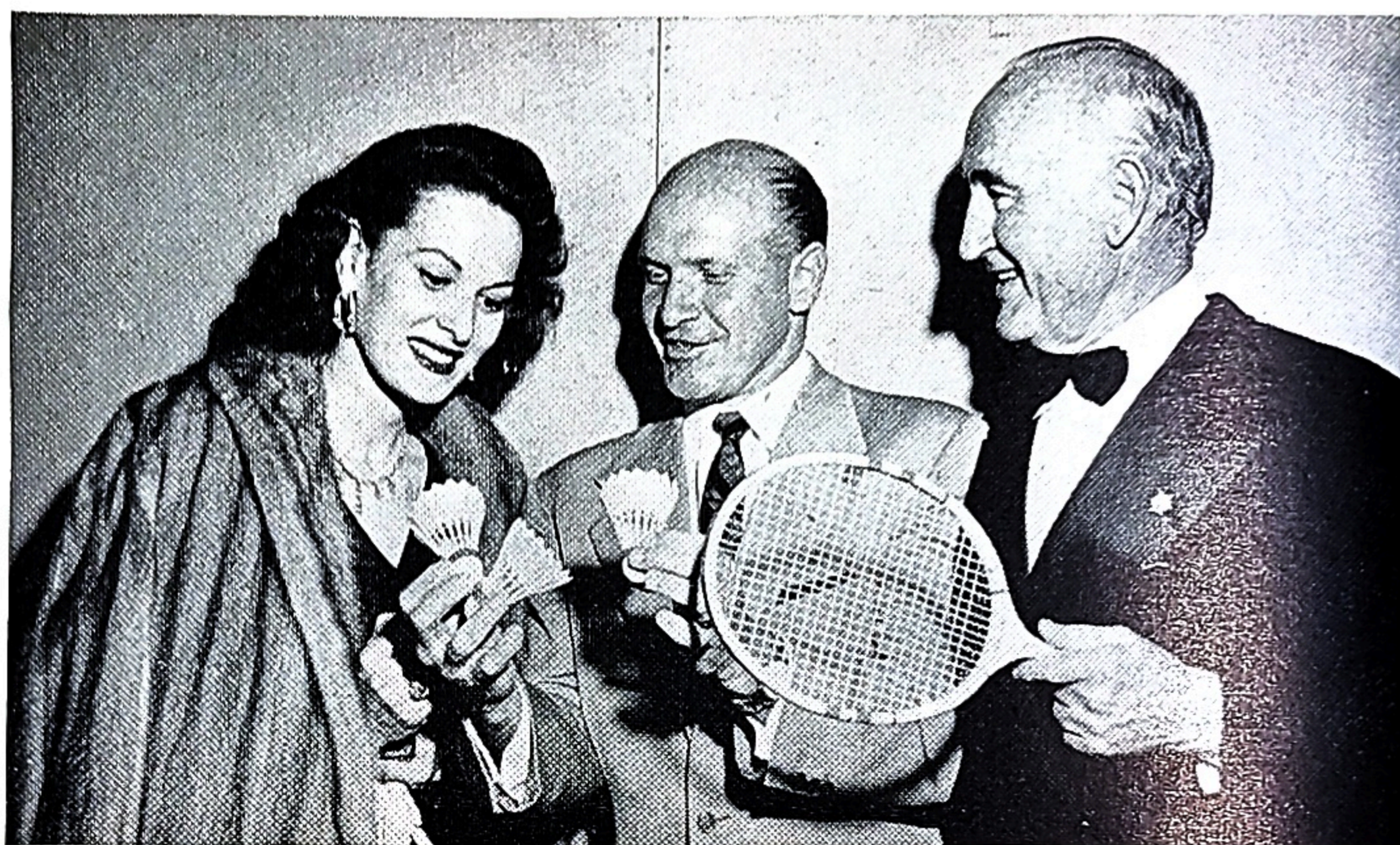
Sports are a means of physical education but badminton is not only a test of physical endurance it is also a test of mental ability and this quality makes it one of the best games. It is the headwork involved which makes it fun to play. One has, of course, to be in good physical condition to last even a little while on the court but so long as the bird can be hit with some control it is the outwitting of an opponent or the teamwork with a partner that makes the game something more than a mere means of taking exercise. We have met a lot of very nice and friendly people and had an opportunity to travel which we might not otherwise have had.

One other reason for our playing badminton is, we think, our natural competitive spirits. Whether it is a friendly game, the practicing of shots, or a tournament match, badminton is a game of competition against someone, a quality giving an added flavor.

We don't play badminton because we are pushed by over-eager parents. They would be disappointed if we didn't play and enjoy doing so, but they never have forced the game upon us in any way. We play as a team because we want to.

Unlike as we are in many ways, we feel these to be the basic reasons why we play badminton.

Ice Capades of 1955



Cortland's Hugh Forgie gives the inside story on Cortland Badminton Rackets and Birds to interested stars Maureen O'Hara and Donald Crisp

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Nov. 27-Dec. 4—The Forum, Montreal, Quebec.

Dec. 5-11—Coliseum, Springfield, Mass.

Dec. 12-18—Rochester War Memorial Auditorium, Rochester, N. Y.

Dec. 19-24—Christmas Vacation.

Dec. 25—Rehearsal, Boston, Mass.

Dec. 26-Jan. 11—Boston Garden, Boston, Mass.

Jan. 12-24—Auditorium, Providence, R. I.

Jan. 25-Feb. 1—Arena, New Haven, Conn.

Feb. 2-15—Uline Arena, Washington, D. C.

Feb. 16-28—Sports Arena, Hershey, Pa.

March 1-7—Arena, St. Louis, Mo.

March 8-14—Aksarben Coliseum, Omaha, Neb.

March 15-21—Auditorium, St. Paul, Minn.

March 23-April 1—Coliseum, Ft. Worth, Texas.

April 4 or 5-15—Stadium, Chicago, Ill.

April 17-22—Auditorium, Kansas City, Mo.

April 24-29—Denver Coliseum, Denver, Colo.

May 3-20 or 27—Pan Pacific Auditorium, Los Angeles, Calif.

Birds For Juniors

Hugh Forgie and Stig Larsen are beginning a new policy this season in regard to the shuttlecocks which they use during their act in "Ice Capades of 1956." They plan to save the birds and give them to a representative of the Badminton Association in the city where they are currently playing for the junior badminton players of that city. The representative may have the birds by calling on Hugh and Stig back stage and showing his or her credentials. The shuttles used are Cortland Gold Cup 76P.F. Following is the schedule of the "Ice Capades." Don't miss this opportunity.

—Jim and Jean Wigglesworth announce the birth of a daughter, Janet, on June 10, 1955. Jim is the past president of the Skokie, Illinois Badminton Club.

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COAST TO COAST (from Page 15)

Grosse Pointe Badminton Association re-elected Jay Simpson, Hans Rogind and Wesley Thompson as president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer. Appointed to serve as committee chairman were Hans Rogind as tournament chairman; John Failing as membership, and Louise Ireland and Albert Jacoby as publicity.

Grosse Pointe playing season will be from November 1, 1955 to April 15, 1956 in the Girls Gym, Grosse Pointe High School on Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturdays 2 to 5 p.m.; and Sundays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays have been set aside for round-robin play. A junior program will be considered if enough interest is shown. Jay Simpson, president, urged the support of Bird Chatter in a letter published by the Grosse Pointe Association and mailed to all members. (Bird Chatter appreciates and NEEDS this type of support).

A badminton net should be 5 feet high (from the floor) at the center of the court and 5 feet 1 inch at the end posts.

Oregon

(From the Oregon Badminton Association News Letter, September, 1955)

Don't look now but that's the Badminton season looming up astern. Officers of the Oregon Badminton Association for the coming year are: John Rankin, President (now enjoying a brief sabbatical in Alaska); Flo Weidel, Vice-President (and minding the store like everything in John's absence); Louise Niklas, Secretary (who cut the stencil for this News Letter), and Myrle Hoffmann, treasurer (and more interested in the inchequer than the ex-chequer).

Coming Events. A full schedule of events is planned for the coming year starting with a collection of slipped discs and pulled tendons known as a Round Robin Tournament on October 23rd.

McInerny Triumphs. Although the Badminton season hasn't started yet, canny Don McInerny is already credited with the best drop shot of the season when he dropped the "News Letter" in the lap of Pete Lewis. Doing the major work on the News Letter for the coming year will be Louise Niklas, stencil cutter. Russ Hill, ar-

ranger for printing. Ex-editor McInerny, finagler for paper and financial assistance, and Flo Weidel, whipcracker and typewriter owner. Also assisting, we hope, will be members of the association who will supply news items.

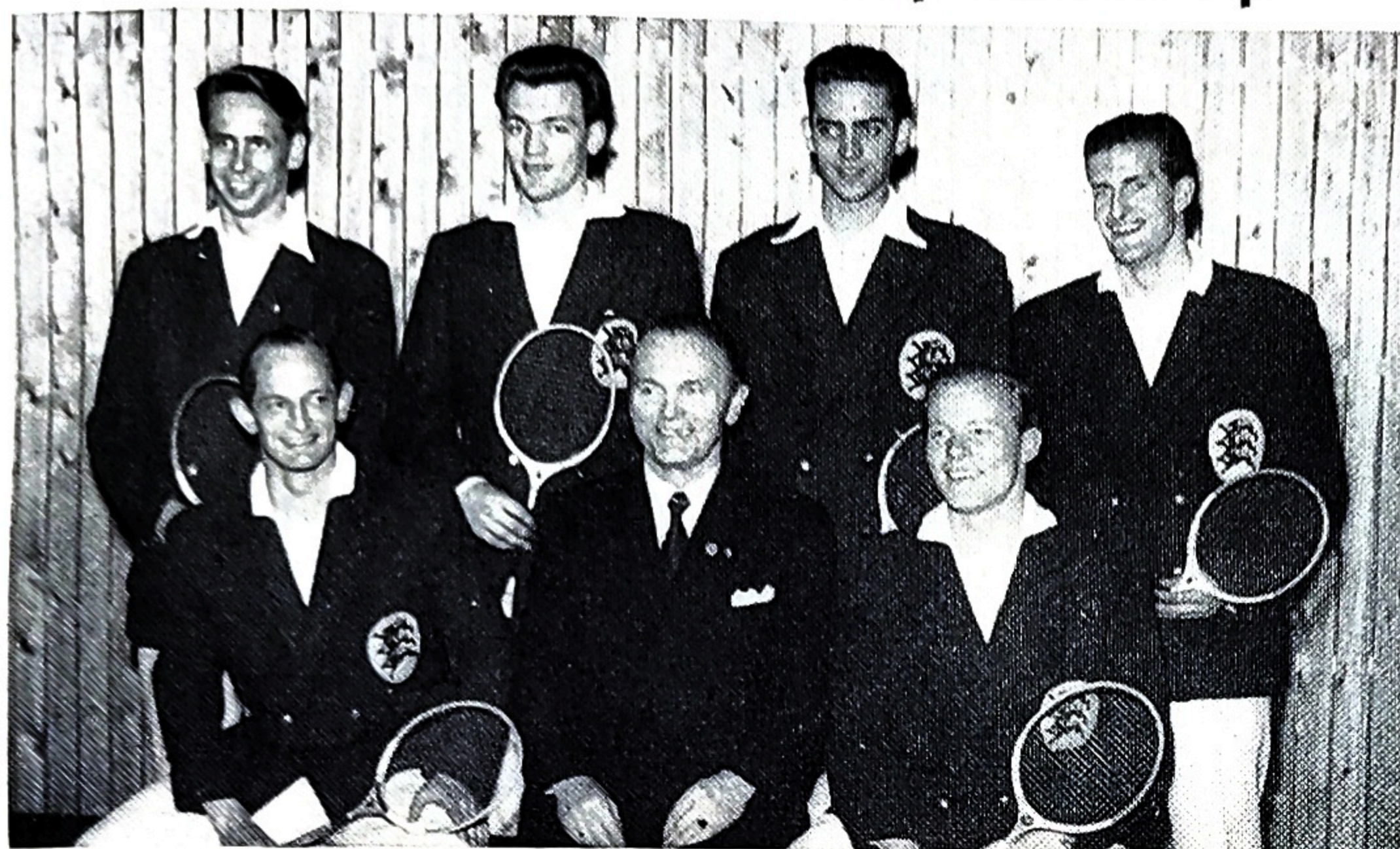
Future Events. The Annual Fall Handicap will be held the week of Nov. 13th to 19th at Cleveland, Reed and Columbia. Oregon Closed will be in January. Oregon Open will be in late February or early March.

Gone But Not Forgotten. Freck Locke and Beverly Cox, popular Badminton players last year will not be with us during the coming season. Freck has lit out for Eureka, Calif., for college and Bev has moved to Arizona.

Future Stars—Betty Claire had an 8-lb., 15-oz. girl. Larry Gillen became a father for the fifth time. It's a boy.

California—Patricia Larner and William Henry Wolf III were married August 4th at the Montecito Presbyterian Church in Santa Barbara.

Danish Team – Thomas Cup Runner-Up



THE THOMAS CUP TIES

Courtesy of "Badminton" of Denmark
Knud Lunoe, Editor
Translated by Hans Rogind

Denmark's Team

1. m. s.—Finn Kobbero
2. m. s.—Jorn Skaarup
3. m. s.—Ole Jensen
1. m. d.—Finn Kobbero/J. Hammergaard Hansen
2. m. d.—Ove Eilertsen/Ole Mertz

Australia's Team

1. m. s.—Don Murray
2. m. s.—Stan Russell
3. m. s.—Rex Collins
1. m. d.—Don Murray/Cliff Cutt
2. m. d.—Stan Russell/Alan McCabe

India's Team

1. m. s.—Nandu Natekar
2. m. s.—T. N. Seth
3. m. s.—P. S. Chawla
1. m. d.—Monoj Guha/G. Hemmady
2. m. d.—Nandu Natekar/R. A. Dongre

Malaya's Team

1. m. s.—Eddie Choong
2. m. s.—Wong Peng Soon
3. m. s.—Ong Poh Lim
1. m. d.—Ong Poh Lim/Ooi Teik Hock
2. m. d.—Lim Kee Fong/Tan Jin Eong

The U. S. A.'s loss to India in the newly finished Thomas Cup matches was the first big upset in the Inter-Zone play-off in Malaya and is described elsewhere in B. C. This result was a disappointment too for the other Zone-winner Denmark who had held the U. S. A. absolutely good for this match. It was no secret that Denmark would rather have seen the U. S. A. win this important match as it cannot be disputed that the climatic conditions in Singapore are not in anyway close to either the American or Danish climate. A meeting in the Final-Zone match between U. S. A. and Denmark would have undoubtedly been on a more even basis; but it didn't go that way.

After this unfortunate surprise the second Inter-Zone semifinal between Aus-

tralia and Denmark was to be played the 27th and 28th of May in the new Singapore Badminton Stadium. For the first time in this Thomas Cup series the Commissioner-General for South East Asia, the Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, was present, and after the two countries' national anthems had been played, he saluted all the players. From that time on he was practically as devoted to the Matches as was Sir George Thomas. This match didn't have quite as much local interest as the U. S. A.-India tie, and the match on paper didn't promise to be too exciting. About 4000 people attended the games.

Denmark-Australia 9-0

The match started out with Australia's top single player Don Murray against Denmark's new hope, the 18-year-old Finn Kobbero, who won—although he didn't play up to his usual standard—with 15-10, 9-15, 15-2, the only match going 3 games.

Further Finn Kobbero won over Stan Russell 15-12, 15-1. Jorn Skaarup beat Stan Russell 15-8, 15-8 and Don Murray 18-13, 15-12. Ole Jensen took care of Rex Collins with the score 15-11, 15-3. In Doubles, Finn Kobbero and J. Hammergaard Hansen won both their matches easily; first, against Murray/Cliff Cutt 15-7, 18-14 and then over Russell/McCabe 15-3, 15-1. Ove Eilertsen/Ole Mertz won over Russell/McCabe 15-8, 15-13 and over Murray/Cliff Cutt 15-8, 15-10. Referee, U. S. A.'s captain Don Richardson.

Denmark - India 6-3

The Final-Zone play-off between Denmark and India on May 31st and June 1st for the right to challenge the mighty Malaysians promised to be one of the most even and toughest of all the matches played in the whole Thomas Cup series. This contest's main attraction was expected to be the singles match between Nandu Natekar and Finn Kobbero. Natekar, known to the U. S. audience from the 1954 Nationals in Niagara, had already proven in the U. S. A.-India tie to be a top class player of the world elite. His movements on the court are lighter than a gazelle, and he executes all his strokes

with an elegance and ease that makes the game look all so simple. His style is very similar to the Malayan Champ, Wong Peng Soon, and like him, Natekar uses very little power during the play, which is of utmost importance in the strong heat. Here the Danes and the Americans could take a good lesson. Natekar was first to meet Jorn Skaarup, and though Skaarup, after a slow start, gave Natekar enough to run after, he couldn't stop him, and Natekar playing his usual safe and sound game won 15-8, 15-13. After this followed the evening's second singles between Kobbero and T. N. Seth in a game where both players played top-class badminton. Kobbero won after some long battles 18-14, 15-11, much to the disappointment of the 13000 fans, which was composed of a large percentage of Indians. (there are approximately 100,000 Indians living in Singapore). The two Doubles went to Natekar/Dongre over Eilertsen/Mertz 15-3, 18-15 and Kobbero/Hammergaard Hansen over Guha/Hemmady with 15-12, 15-5. The first evening's standing was then as in the U. S. A. -India tie 2-2, and the second night's event started with much excitement, with the singles match between Natekar and Kobbero, the two countries top players. Neither of them had yet lost a single match in the whole Thomas Cup series so both were fighting with all their might. This match was later chosen by Sir George Thomas as the best played of all the semi-finals and final.

Natekar started out in his big style and came up fast to 7-0 by use of his beautiful drop-shots and backhand. To stop him Kobbero started hitting hard and later so wild that he was behind 11-1. At that time Natekar had a weak period and at once Kobbero took advantage of the fact and took seven points by working continually on the Indian's backhand. But Natekar pulled himself together again and won the first set 15-8. At the change-over of courts Kobbero started out with renewed concentration and the spectators were treated to a fast display of power and deception and tremendous all-round badminton. Kobbero came up to 6-0 before Natekar with some long battles made it 4-7, but then he couldn't stand for the Danes continuous press and attack and lost the set 6-15. In the final set Kobbero continued to dominate the play. He decided to keep the pressure on Natekar's backhand which gave him a 5-1 lead. But Natekar was not finished and supported by a couple of Finn's clears, which went out of court, he fought himself back up to 9-9, while the crowd was roaring in anticipation for more exciting moments to come. Here Natekar became nervous and started hitting the bird out and Kobbero now playing concentrated and safe took the set easily and thereby the match. Score 8-15, 15-6, 15-10.

The next single match between Ole Jensen and Chawla, after a long struggle in the second game, gave Ole the victory 15-4, 18-14. The score was now 4-2 in favor of Denmark as the third single match between T. N. Seth and Jorn Skaarup began. Skaarup, here playing his best game yet, had his hands full until both reached 10, but from then on he took-off, and in the second set practically ran Seth out of the court. Score 15-10,

15-3. Denmark had then won the Semi-finals, but there were still two Doubles to go which they split between them. Guha/Hemmady won over Eilertsen/Jensen 15-10, 3-15, 15-3 and Kobbero/Hammergaard Hansen beat Natekar/Dongre 15-8, 15-3. The final score was 6-3 to Denmark. Referee: the Australian, H. R. Brady.

Malaya - Denmark 8-1

Malaya being the champion Badminton Nation of the world, the Singapore press of course devoted an almost unbelievable amount of space to the Thomas Cup matches. High tension was at times created by the two main papers choosing opposite teams as their favorite which of course helped draw the crowds. Each day there were headlines in all the papers, pictures of the players, discussions with them and their captains. A peculiar thing for us to see was a warning in the papers about the traffic regulations they had to put in force on all playing nights in the area of the Stadium. The regulations concerned one-way traffic to and from the Singapore Hall, parking facilities, and the time these restrictions were in force. Every evening of play—8 evenings in 2 weeks—the crowds really did pour in to such an extent that the restrictions were justified. It sounds like a dream—right? The final match between Malaya and Denmark took place the 4th and 5th of June with a full house both nights. The first match was between Eddie Choong and Finn Kobbero. This was one of the games the Danes had hoped to be able to wrest from the Malaysians. Kobbero started out in his biggest and best style and with some beautiful drops he came ahead 5-1. But then Eddie got the machine started and with an unbelievable confidence and perfect condition he pumped Finn completely out and won safely, in one of his finest matches in years, 15-6, 15-4.

Wong Peng Soon won quickly the first set against Jorn Skaarup 15-5, but in the second set he suddenly lost his control. Skaarup took the lead 12-3 before Wong again got his confidence back and slowly rose the score to 13-all. After some dramatic episodes Skaarup took the set 18-16. It took a long time before Wong came back on the court after the intermission between the 2nd and 3rd set, and it was obvious that the old master was tired, but with his wonderful technique used to perfection, he won the set safely 15-4 and the match. The two Doubles on the first evening didn't leave much for the Danes with the Malaysians always on top and that fraction of a second faster on the bird which was the deciding factor. Tan Jin Eong/Lim Kee Fong won over Eilertsen/Mertz 15-9, 15-3 and the world's strongest men's double team Ong Poh Lim/Ooi Teik Hock beat Kobbero/Hammergaard Hansen 15-4, 15-8 in a game that was somewhat more exciting than the score tells, but with Lim's fantastically fast net play deciding the match. The score was 4-0 to Malaya at the end of the first evening. Ong Poh Lim opened the second night by beating Ole Jensen after some long battles 15-10, 15-8, which determined the final victory for Malaya. After the tremendous excitement had slowly settled down Wong Peng Soon played Kobbero who showed his strongest

side and won the first set 15-12, but after that he was exhausted and lost the next two sets 15-0, 15-7. Jorn Skaarup fought a terrific match against Eddie Choong and the bird went back and forth innumerable times before a decision came. Skaarup, who twice in Europe had beaten Eddie, couldn't keep up the steam in the heat and lost at last 10-15, 9-15. In the evening's first Double Ong Poh Lim/Teik Hock swept Eilertsen/Mertz out of the court as easy as 15-8, 15-1 and in the last Double Denmark was consoled by the victory of Kobbero/Hammergaard Hansen over Kee Fong/Tan Jin Eong 18-13, 4-15, 15-6. Mr. Agaskar, the Indian captain, functioned as a very effective referee.

The Malaysians had once more proved to the world their overwhelming leadership in Badminton. The 8-1 victory cannot be disputed, however, one must not forget the Danes were playing the home team, who were not tired from previous matches and who are accustomed to the high temperatures. Under more even circumstances the defeat undoubtedly would have been to a lesser degree. The average age for the Malayan team is 32, and for the Danes 25. Wong Pen Soon and Teik Hock, who are 37 years old and 34 years old respectively and have undoubtedly played their last Thomas Cup Matches. As these players are hard to replace there is probably more hope in winning the Cup from them in the future. We shall see within 3 years.

The Malayan Open Championship

Directly after the Thomas Cup Series was over many of the players headed for Kuala Lumpur, where the Malayan Open Tournament was held. Borrowing the idea of an "open" National tournament from the U. S. A., the Malaysians were assured that with all the best talent gathered in their country for the Thomas Cup matches, it was bound to be a success. Unfortunately the Americans did not participate as they left for home shortly after their match with India. Likewise India didn't enter the tournament for unknown reasons, but with entries from Australia, Burma, Indonesia, Denmark and Malaya it was still quite a colorful and interesting tournament.

The interest in the singles was somewhat concentrated on the new hope Ferry Sonnevile from Indonesia. It was a stroke of luck for him that both Eddie Choong and Finn Kobbero, due to illness, lost their first matches which gave him easy sledding up to the semi-final. Here he defeated a tired and weak playing Wong Peng Soon, and in the final won over Jorn Skaarup from Denmark. Ferry Sonnevile is without doubt a top class player, although it is dubious whether the scores could be repeated against these players when they were in a fresher spirit.

The results: m.s. Ferry Sonnevile, Indonesian/J. Skaarup, Denmark 15-5, 15-6.

w.s.—Mrs. A. S. Samuel, Malaya.

m.d.—Ong Poh Lim/Ooi Teik Hock, Malaya over Kobbero/Hammergaard Hansen, Denmark 15-8, 18-17.

w.d.—Mrs. A. S. Samuel/Miss Phua Yoke Chin, Malaya.

Mix.d.—Hammergaard Hansen, Denmark/Miss Amy Choong, Malaya over Chan Kon Leong/Mrs. A. S. Samuel.

Because of the success of this first open tournament the President of the Badminton Association of Malaya, Mr. Heah Joo Seang, has stated that they will try to get all the top players in the world to participate in this annual event.

Notes from Malaya

A "Worldlist" of the best players in the world was publicized in "Singapore Standard," shortly after the finish of the Thomas Cup. It looks like this:

Single: 1) Eddie Choong, Malaya. 2) Wong Peng Soon, Malaya. 3) Ong Poh Lim, Malaya. 4) Finn Kobbero, Denmark. 5) Nandu Natekar, India. 6) Joe Alston, U. S. A. 7) Jorn Skaarup, Denmark. 8) T. N. Seth, India. 9) Dick Mitchell, U. S. A. 10) Don Murray, Australia.

Double: 1) Ong Poh Lim/Ooi Teik Hock, Malaya. 2) Finn Kobbero/Hammergaard Hansen, Denmark. 3) Tan Jin Eong/Lim Kee Fong, Malaya. 4) Guha/Hemmady, India. 5) Carl Loveday/M. Armendariz, U. S. A. 6) Bob Williams/Wynn Rogers, U. S. A. 7) Nandu Natekar/R. Dongre, India. 8) O. Mertz/O. Eilertsen, Denmark.

Eddie 25

Mr. Loke Wan Tho, a leading personality in Malayan Badminton, gave a cocktail party May 29 in honor of all the Thomas Cup players. It was an especially festive occasion for Eddie Choong who celebrated his 25th birthday at the same time.

The Indians are already looking forward to the next Thomas Cup in 1958 and hope to be able to talk one of the world's top players into turning professional and become a trainer for them. Because of the climate, they are looking for him in Malaya.

Sir George Thomas was of course the central figure in the ceremony which marked the finish of the 1955 Thomas Cup tournaments in Singapore Badminton Stadium. The Badminton Association of the Malaya (B. A. M.) gave Sir George a pewter tea set in appreciation of his contribution to the badminton game. Afterward Sir George gave the "Cup" to the Malayan team captain, Wong Peng Soon and finally each of the players on the winning team received a gold medal and the runner-up a silver medal each.

The Thomas Cup Trophy is insured for £1000—or \$2800.

The tickets to the Thomas Cup Finals between Malaya and Denmark were sold for 3.00, 6.00 and 10.00 Malayan dollars.

The Best

During an interview in Singapore Sir George Thomas made a statement to the newspapers, that the American Star, Dr. Dave Freeman without doubt was the best player to play on a Badminton court after the first world war. But the English Ace G. A. Sautter, who was active just before this war, would have beaten him. G. A. Sautter was All-England champ in singles in 1911, 1913, 1914, in men's doubles in 1922 and in Mix. Doubles in 1910 and 1913.

SOUTH AFRICAN SAFARI



American Team with Mayor of Johannesburg and Sid Williams

by
Margaret Varner, Thelma Welcome and Abbie Rutledge

The 1955 American Badminton Team to tour the Rhodesias and the Union of South Africa was composed of John Leib, Thelma Welcome, Bill Berry, Abbie Rutledge, Don Davis and Margaret Varner who acted as Captain.

We were selected by the American Badminton Association after it had accepted the South African Badminton Union's splendid invitation to send a touring team to their country. The team with the exception of Margaret met at the Idlewild International Airport on July 14th for the overnight hop to London. Margaret had gone three days earlier in order to get necessary information regarding the tour from English players who knew the various procedures or who had been to Africa on a similar tour. One short afternoon and evening was spent in London, where the team was driven around to see various historical buildings and parts of London.

The next morning we were aroused from a deep sleep (the first of many early calls) and taken to the London

Airport for the next lap of this "safari." There were one hour stops in Paris, Rome, Cairo, Athens, Khartoum, and then overnight in Nairobi. The trip was long and the only near mishap was when Thelma remained in the Rome Airport as the plane was ready to take off, but after several pagings she was persuaded to board. We were a tired group that dragged into the New Stanley Hotel, 5500 miles from New York, and prepared to sit down to a nice lunch. At lunch we were confronted with a menu which had each item numbered—one through nine. Each of us picked out what he thought he would like to have, only to discover that he could have all of the items. With a great flourish we started ordering at random, many of the other numbers. John started out with the main course switched rapidly to dessert, then another meat course. All this time, Don was trying to eat some curried vegetables which had set him on fire. We kept trying to get water for him but met with little success. Finally, someone recognized the ninth item on the list—ICE CREAM. It wasn't just like our ice cream at home, but it was

the best thing we had had to date—we each ordered a second and a third portion. The waiter was very good natured about it, and we left our lunch a much wiser group of travelers. During lunch Thelma decided to go in search of meat on the hoof. Her reports of big game in Kenya made our meal seem tame but akin to the old adage "one bird in the hand is worth two in the bush" we figured a good meal in the right place was worth *all* in the bush!!

After a short night during which sleep was punctuated by the exuberance of Nairobi inebriates, followed by weird animal noises, we were rudely awakened at 4:45 a.m. by the little black boy in his long white "nightie." Tea or no tea, that seemed an indecent hour but schedule demanded our appearance at the airport at 6 a.m. The ride out was an interesting, if shaking experience. We all felt that LeMans couldn't compare, but in checking the speedometer we were racing along at a maximum of 35 m.p.h. Maybe the springs, gears, the tires (if any) to say nothing of the road, had something to do with the illusion.

We took off for Ndola in a Viking two engine job not pressurized. However, the flight was 90% smooth although the 1% had us all arriving with pale green faces to meet our manager, Sid Williams, and a large contingent of local brass. From here we were taken to Kitwe, which is a 40 mile ride thru the Copper belt, in a continuous cloud of dust over a "deviation" and through bush populated by ants. We arrived at the Nkana Hotel, nearer dead than alive, but managed to pull ourselves together and enjoy a rugby game in the afternoon and a braaffleis (barbecue) in the evening. Bill was still eating steak from his left hand while bidding our very gracious hostess goodbye with the right.

A good night's sleep was had by all and next morning found us on the courts for practice. Lunch with various hosts and hostesses completed the afternoon, which was followed by a formal cocktail party and official reception by the Mayor and Mayoress of Kitwe and numerous other V.I.P. of the community, and accompanied by a sumptuous buffet supper.

The first match, which was against Northern Rhodesia, was played in Mufulira, a mining town near Kitwe. We were dined by the General Manager of the mine before and after the matches and it wasn't long until we learned that parties that go on until the wee' small hours after the matches are quite the custom. It seemed that the idea of needed rest and sleep hadn't occurred to anyone when they worked out our schedule. We were anxious to get the first match underway and stretch our legs after so much traveling. The floor was slippery, the ceiling low, and the shuttles slow, but we managed to win 5-2 despite our "patchy" play.

Although we had only three hours sleep that night, the warm reception, friendliness and hospitality of the N. Rhodesian group sent us on our way in anticipation of a delightful trip ahead. Another Viking flight—accompanied by the S.A.B.U. National Team selectors, Herbie Hadfield and Bill Kerr, took us to Salisbury, the capital of Rhodesia. We understood our newly acquired traveling companions had come to Kitwe in the hope of finding their former champion Ken Brann playing in top form, after sustaining injuries in a serious auto accident several months previously, and also to welcome our team in behalf of the S.A.B.U. That evening we were honored guests at a

cocktail party given by the American Vice-Counsel and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen McClintock.

Margaret and Abbie had visions of practice afterwards but after standing in heels for three hours the best they could do was limp to bed. The practice took place the next afternoon and the matches against All-Rhodesia that night. We won this one 7-0 and the calibre of play improved noticeably. Another party afterwards!!

The next day we enjoyed a sight-seeing trip, luncheon, and a fine send-off at the airport—another very nice custom which took place each time we departed from newly acquired friends throughout Africa.

We arrived in Bulawayo in fairly good condition considering a rather bumpy flight with our flying friend, the "Viking." The new Victoria Hotel had been designated as our abode for several nights, and we were very impressed with the beautiful flower arrangements placed in the girls rooms. Truly a gracious gesture of welcome from the Matabelleland Badminton Association. The next day we had a practice session and a match in the evening, which we won 7-0. Our badminton was not of the best due perhaps to the schedule of traveling and entertaining we were trying to meet. That didn't slow us down though as we went to a dance afterward at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Authers.

The next day was one of the most interesting of the trip. We left in the morning in three cars (which are about two-thirds the size of ours) for the Matopos, the place where Cecil John Rhodes is buried along with two or three other early leaders in Africa. We climbed to the top of the Kopje (hill) and saw these shrines, and a beautiful structure in which the remains of the men of the Shangnai patrol (all of whom were killed in action) now lie. It was a beautiful, peaceful, shrine on the mountain top, surrounded by magnificent scenery and open view for miles in every direction. From here we drove to the Silizone Caves. We were to "follow the leader" since two of the drivers did not know the route. We were really in darkest Africa—no sign of people except for a few scattered natives, baboons and monkeys, and no roads to speak of. Our leader got too far ahead and as we came to a fork in the road, the last two cars took the wrong turn. Finally two hours later and after much winding and tracking we spotted our leader searching for

us. We had a picnic lunch and then started a long hike up a mountain to visit a cave in which there were early native paintings. This was an extremely steep and vigorous climb—especially since Margaret wore leather soled shoes which kept all of us grabbing at her to save her life—literally! On the mountain top, we enjoyed a much needed rest and some remarkable "echoing" by Sid ably assisted by John. What nerves we had left were completely shattered by now. But if the ascent had seemed hazardous, the descent was worse. We finally got down, Margaret *et al.* After a full days travel, we were entertained with another braaffleis where we had steak, mutton chops, pork chops, and their famous sausage, boerevors. We ate tons again since we seemed to be "meat hungry" at the time. THAT'S what Africa does to you!

The following day we journeyed to Johannesburg and found a very decided change in the weather—from delightful warm to dry and cold. We were officially received by the Mayor and the American Consul the next morning at the City Hall. This proved to be a long series of handshaking, speeches, and the largest reception (200 people) to date. The next three nights we played provincial matches against S. Transvaal in Johannesburg, E. Transvaal in Brakpan, and N. Transvaal in Pretoria. We won these matches 6-1, 7-0, 5-2. The usual parties followed each night's play and sightseeing excursions were "laid on" during the day. Of interest was the historic city of Pretoria where we visited the Voortrekker Monument, a mammoth structure in commemoration of the pioneers of the Transvaal. It was odd how the various sites of early pioneers seemed to bring forth tales from Abbie and Margaret about Texas and the Alamo. This didn't seem to go over too well with two members of the group who reside in a certain town some distance south of Los Angeles.

With only three hours sleep on the last night in Johannesburg we went on to Port Elizabeth, home of our manager who had given us the proper Chamber of Commerce "dope" on "P.E." The first Test Match took place here and it was a match of great interest and one which was very tense since it was the first encounter against the selected South African team. Their team was composed of Beatrix Maré, Florrie Kennedy, Dawn Webber, Gordon Byram (Captain) Boet

Read, and Brian Brownlee. After many tight three game matches, we won 7-4. The various parties included a cocktail party at the American Consul's residence where we hobnobbed with some fellow countrymen. We had the usual sightseeing tours and luncheons before we departed for Cape Town.

The closest provincial match, which was against Western Province, took place in Cape Town the day after we arrived. The score was tied 3-3 when the last mixed doubles went on the court, and went to three games. We just "eked it out" and kept our record perfect. For the first time in quite awhile we were to stay in one place longer than two or three days. Here, as in Bulawayo, the girls were welcomed in their rooms by delicately fresh flowers from the Western Providence B. A., and were treated to more sightseeing, a mayor's reception, a dance given by the Muizenburg Badminton Association, dinner at the American Consul's home, a luncheon, and the usual get together after the matches. The weather was not as good as expected so we missed a trip to Table Mountain, which is one of the main points of interest. We did have a full day of driving and sightseeing which gave us an insight into the history of this part of the Union.

The second test match was played at the Drill Hall before capacity crowds of between 1200 and 1400 each night. It was a good series with close matches, and excellent badminton, the score was 5-5 before the final mixed doubles match was won by the U.S.A.

The third test in East London followed with only one day to travel there and recuperate from the last test matches. After the first night's play the South Africans led by 3-2, the one and only time they were in the lead after the first five matches were completed. We came back strong the next night and won four in a row to clinch the rubber, then proceeded to lose the remaining two mixed matches. We continued our run on the parties and sightseeing and since we were down on the coast, we got in some swimming, sunbathing, and beachwalking. The Springboks were staying in the same hotels we were and by this time we had become very friendly, and found them charming traveling companions and worthy badminton opponents.

We continued our flight along the coast of the Indian Ocean to Durban to play provincial matches against

Natal in Durban and Pietermaritzburg. As soon as we arrived, dinner and a boat trip around the harbor was "laid on"—no rest for the weary! We saw some huge whales on this moonlight excursion. The next two matches against the Natal teams went to us without the loss of a match and John came through with a stirring exhibition of how to keep the bird "in play" at all costs. The large audiences took to John's good humor and thoroughly enjoyed the evening's play. After only four hours sleep we had to get up for a 400 mile auto trip to Welkom, a gold-mining boom town. The same evening we played against the Orange Free State team and fortunately won the match. The next day Don, Abbie, and Margaret drove with Des Durow, one of Dunlop's representatives, to Johannesburg while the others enjoyed some parties and a visit to a gold mine before leaving the next day for Jo'burg. The group flew in a two-engine, 12 seater plane which was carrying 25 bars of gold valued at 12,000 pounds each, but failed to get away with even a small sample.

The fourth test was played at the Wanderer's Club in Jo'burg and was won 7-4 by the U.S.A. and followed by a party at this very large, perfectly appointed sports club.

Morning came early the next day as we set off for Kruger Park, the National game reserve, with Des and Ken, the Dunlop chaps who were our hosts on this trip. The roads around the park were dirt, the speed limit 25 m.p.h., and a £50 fine for getting out of the car! We were in search of wild game now and were not disappointed. We saw empala, giraffe, monkeys, wild beasts, baboons, hippos, crocodile, lion, wild pig, zebra, wart hog, water buck and various species of birdlife. Most exciting was trekking the lions after getting word that some had been seen. We set off in a cloud of dust and soon gazed unbelievably on eight kingly beasts brunching on their kill of buck that had come to the river to drink. The lions gorged themselves and then sunned on the rocks. There were monkeys, along the road, that came up to the car when we stopped and we fed them our supply of bananas.

Back to civilization, and our final test match in Pretoria where we came out on top, 7-4, and a delighted team to win the series 5-0 since only the Danes had accomplished a similar feat. We didn't win all the matches and tests as convincingly as they had

in 1951, but for a group of singles players who had never played mixed or doubles together, we did alright.

Before leaving Jo'burg, we were provided with exotic entertainment in the form of Native Tribal dances—a rhythmic, colorful and energetic demonstration by the natives from the mines.

Our next stop was Victoria Falls which we wanted to compare to our Niagara Falls. Being true Americans we felt that South African propaganda had just built them up to fantastic proportions, but we discovered they were so magnificent that no amount of writing could describe this awe-inspiring spectacle. We had twenty four hours here so we made the best of it and immediately went on a boat trip up the Zambesi River. It was on this trip that a peculiar chain of events began which led to the loss of Margaret's one and only pair of tennis shoes. Margaret had bought a very cheap pair of tennis shoes in Jo'burg after her own had literally come apart. The new shoes had aggravated a callous on one foot, and as soon as we were all aboard the river boat, she removed one shoe. The next circumstance concerned Thelma and a large horse fly. The fly stung Thelma and then lit on the top of the boat, where Abbie, trying to play the heroine, picked up Margaret's shoe to kill the fly. The rest happened very fast but at the end of the fly swatting (it must be admitted the fly was not even touched), Margaret's shoe was floating past the boat in the Zambesi River. With all of us yelling madly for the boat captain to stop, the boat went merrily on. Margaret, demonstrating good sportsmanship—or something, then tossed the other shoe overboard and for the remainder of our trip around the Falls walked in her socks. The passengers on the boat seemed to enjoy the episode as much as we did. During the boat trip we stopped for tea on Kandahara Island which is inhabited much of the time by elephants and all the time by wild monkeys "educated" to beg for cake! That same morning we were told that the elephants had to be driven off the island by starting a brush fire. We were a bit skeptical of this story until we arrived on the island and saw the irrefutable and unmistakable evidence of the elephants recent visit. Needless to say, Margaret and her shoeless feet were stepping very lightly. We continued on to other parts of the falls including the Rain
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The final match of the night placed our new team of Carl Loveday and Manny Armendariz against Natekar and Dongre. In the early stages of the first game the Indians had a 6 point run which gave them the lead at 7-2. Carl and Manny came up with some great scoring and steady play with runs of 4 and 3 points to move out ahead at 9-8. Nandu dominated the play from here on and scores went 12-9, 14-9, 14-10 and then game at 15-10 for the Indians. By now Carl had the strategy picture clear and Manny's first international match feelings had gone. This doesn't mean that it wasn't a real scrap, for Nandu and the experienced Dongre weren't letting down one bit. Actually in this second game they led at 7-4, but three good runs of 3, 3, and 2 points gave Carl and Manny a 13-8 lead. The Indians fought back to 12-13 before our boys rallied and went to game point. The Indians took their 13th on their next time in but game came to Carl and Manny on their next try. Score 15-13, and now one game each. For half the 3rd game it was anyone's choice for scores went 4 all, 5 all, 8-7 and 10-8 for us. From here in Carl's and Manny's defense was great and a point or two gained each time they were in brought them home the winners at 15-9.

And so the first night ended with the score 2 to 2, with an entirely unexpected break against us because of Bobby's eye, and a real breach in our overall strategy of play. All through our planning was the feeling that we could win all 4 doubles against India and that we could pick up one point in singles anyway. It may surprise many that we wouldn't figure sure points for Joe—hadn't he beaten Natekar before and Seth wasn't as good as Nandu. In probably any other badminton section of the world, except Singapore and possibly other tropical climate areas, we would have, but not over there. This isn't an alibi for him or any of our other singles players. It is simply recognizing the 3 or 4 major factors which make it difficult to produce one's best play and do it continuously in Singapore.

If I attempted to explain each factor I am sure only a very small percentage of you readers would believe them, and it might be misunderstood or misinterpreted by our friends overseas. This report is basically to the American people who are interested in the Team's activities and a proper

story to those who have financially backed our Thomas Cup program over the years. For you I will brief a few points:

(1) Six top players, all of whom have played for years in the warm climate of So. Calif. had to use golf gloves, changing each game, because of too much sweating; (2) a steady feeling of hitting thru the mist—remember the baseball expression "heavy ball"—(just ask any of the players next time you see them); (3) 73-74 grain shuttles, with little or no spin, many times sailing out of court on normal flicks or fast clears, lending mental problems; (4) court wind drift from circulating fans or wind currents from loosely canvassed upper level stadium sides, producing another mental factor.

For the No. 3 singles position the second night Carl Loveday had been selected. It was felt that his deception in play and the best condition he has been in for some time gave him an even chance to play against the comparatively unknown, P. S. Chawla. However, the 3 set doubles the night before had left its mark, as was evidenced as the play developed. It appeared that Carl was trying to pace himself for a 2 game win and from the way Chawla was playing at the start our hopes ran high. For 24 serve plays Carl looked like the far superior player and the surprise was the score which read 7 all. His close margin of error drops, somewhat similar to Joe's, were just missing, time after time, and as the game wore on Chawla became steadier and better. The break thru came at the 29th serve and over the next 10 serves Chawla piled up a 13-7 lead on 7 nets and outs. Carl steadied down here and helped by 3 Chawla errors, worked up to 11. Chawla smashed for the game point but Carl put in 3 good smashes and went to 1 love on the 3 set. While Chawla evened this up with another smash he misjudged a clear and let it drop for Carl's second point, then hit out for Carl's game, 17-15. This was a 58 serve game and the physical toll was heavy on Carl. Had he been able to take it in 10 to 15 serves sooner it might have made all the difference in the world.

Carl fought for that second game, for we all knew a third game would be odds against us. He used every wile he knew and actually had a lead at 11-10, but it took 55 serve plays to get there. The end came quickly, for Carl just couldn't cover enough ground to reach and make the neces-

sary returns. In Chawla's next two times in he ran out the big 5 points for the game. The 5 minutes rest was not enough and in 37 plays the match was over with Chawla the winner at 15-2. Score now 3-2 for India.

Now came the match that had had the focus of the major publicity and off-court conversation, Joe against Nandu. Only matches which pitted Wong Peng Soon or Eddie Choong against Finn Kobbero, Joe or Nandu could create more local interest and hushed expectancy. Joe had no false illusions about how tough Nandu could be, though he had no hesitation to face him. Those are normal feelings for any real top player to have. While he never said much about it, it was evident to us that he wasn't 100% sure of controlling that "strange" shuttle. Nandu's exceptional backhand has molded his game to allow longer than normal rallies without the extra use of energy which a round-the-head player must assume. As mentioned earlier, Joe wants only enough rallies to permit him to develop his deception for reasonably quick openings for his fast clears and deceptive drops, and extra running in that climate makes it real tough. In the first game he looked and played great. The crowd was treated to a style of play they had not seen from their great players. Joe only had 14 errors in 52 plays and his defense was so terrific that over the last 19 serves he allowed Nandu only 1 point. The closest Nandu came was 6-9 after Joe led at 7-1, and the final score was 15-7. The complexion changed in the second game for Joe came up with 24 errors of which 12 cost him points while Nandu made only 14 errors and only 6 counted as points against him. Strangely enough it took the same number of 52 plays for this game. Five times Joe's fast clear went over the back line, an indication of his difficulty in maintaining the steady control of the sailing shuttle. He was really tired and on the last two shots of the second game actually stumbled in trying to make his shots. Even in the much longer games against Smythe and McTaggart in Canada, he was never as exhausted as after this second game which Nandu took at 15-9. In the third game it was mostly a question of Joe's errors, for during the first 24 plays he scored 1 point to Nandu's 9. It was still a remarkable defense, for Nandu made only 4 errors so that Joe was making plenty of placements despite his many errors. During the next 17 serves he

rallied back to 7-9 and after Nandu picked up his 10th on a fast clear over the back line, Joe gained an 8th point on a clean placement. On the last 6 plays he was groggy and made 6 consecutive errors, with Nandu going out at 15-9. With the sweat dripping from every pore on his body and legs almost too weary to move he almost dropped to the floor, beaten yes, but only after a wonderful display of courage against a great player at the very top of his game. There must be something this year which has over-inspired Joe's opponents. His matches in Canada and Singapore were against the peak performances of each player and throughout all of them it is hard to recall a real break in his favor, despite the law of averages which straight points without the loss of a

serve to lead 11-7. Seth picked up 1 over the next 7 plays, but another big surge of 4 points gave Dick the second game at 15-18, strangely enough again 38 plays.

The crowd was now as tense as the players, with the American partisans (and we had some real ones) sensing a real chance, while the Indian adherents were mulling over the problems of 3 games to the Americans. Seth took a fast jump with runs of 4 and 3 points for 7, with Dick getting only 1 in the middle. After a couple of exchanges Dick made another spectacular surge to take 6 straight points for a 7 all tie. Dick hit 2 drops into the net and they changed courts with Seth leading 8-7. A good smash by Seth and another set by Dick pushed it to 10-7. Seth was going for smashes

points to finish off the game. The second game took only 8 serves for them, with three different runs of 3 starting at 3 all, going out at 15-5. It is doubtful if they were on the court 15 minutes.

Carl and Manny now took the court against Guha and Hemmady. Carl was still weary, but the team was full of confidence and fight and with Manny playing great it developed into another real battle. The Indians took a lead of 5-1 but Carl and Manny came back with a great run of 5 points to take a 6-5 lead. Each team picked up 3 and a single and we still had the edge at 10-9. Our defense cracked here and after a run of 4 and a couple of exchanges the Indians went out at 15-11. The picture changed for a while in the second game for Carl and Manny led at 5-1 and 8-4. The Indians came back with a surge of 4 points to tie at 8 all. We got the 9th first but they came back with 3 to go into the lead at 11-9. Both sides were going all out but we moved up to 12-11 only to see the Indians move to match point at 14-11. Here Carl and Manny put them out and ran off 5 straight points to take the game at 17-14, and games were one apiece. Our 3rd game exhaustion problems (Carl now) carried the Indians to 11-1 before our team rallied for 3 points, only to promptly lose 3 to have match point against them. Again a 4 point rally moved Carl and Manny to 8-14. The Indians were not to be denied, however, and went out at 15-8 for the final match of the evening. The Tie result score was now India 6, U.S. 3.

The Cup



Sir George Thomas (second from right)

usually even things out over a reasonable time. We have a real U.S. Champion.

It was now 4-2 for India and another real scrap was heading up, Seth vs. Dick Mitchell. Seth had shown a great game against Joe the night before, but Dick had trained hard and long for just such an occasion and he well knew what this match meant. The first 6 serves they tested each others shots for a 2 all standoff. Dick worked up to 5 but ran into 4 net errors, and Seth went ahead to 7-5. After a couple of exchanges more errors crept in and Seth ran the game out at 15-7, after only 38 plays. The second game started off badly for Dick with Seth taking a fast 7-1 lead after 16 plays. Dick then came up with the most spectacular run of the whole Tie, taking 10

almost continuously now and for a stretch of 7 plays he hit some wicked ones to bring the score to 13-8. It told on him for he hit the next two out and Dick smashed another by him to bring up the score to 11-13. The break now came, for Dick let a clear go over his head that just nicked the back line to lose the serve. The next rally ended with Dick's smash into the net and on the next clear to the back court Seth gave his all and drove his smash through for the game and match point, and the deciding point winner for India, the score now 5 to 2 for India.

The final two doubles were no anticlimaxes. Bob and Wynn were out to prove they were great and they really routed Natekar and Dongre. In just four opportunities to serve they ran out at 15-4, with a burst of 8

Thus ended our 3rd quest for the elusive Thomas Cup. We had stirring and hard fought matches, but there is little consolation in being a loser and we sorrowfully wended our way back to the hotel and drowned our sorrows in Malayan Orange Crush (and that's no fib, darn it, for the bar was closed.)

Match Scores and Results India 6; United States 3

May 24—

Natekar def. Mitchell, 15-7, 15-13. Alston def. Seth, 17-14, 17-16. Guha-Hemmady def. Rogers-Williams, 15-4, 15-8. Loveday-Armendariz def. Natekar-Dongre, 10-15, 15-13, 15-9.

May 25—

Chawla def. Loveday, 15-17, 15-11, 15-2. Natekar def. Alston, 7-15, 15-9, 15-8. Seth def. Mitchell, 15-7, 8-15, 15-11. Rogers-Williams def. Natekar-Dongre, 15-4, 15-5. Guha-Hemmady def. Loveday-Armendariz, 15-11, 14-7, 15-8.

SOUTH AFRICA TOUR — Statistics and Scores

	Total Played	Num. Won	Num. Lost	% Won	% Lost
Varner	47	44	3	.94	.06
Davis	52	42	10	.80	.20
Welcome	22	16	6	.76	.24
Leib	21	15	6	.71	.29
Rutledge	34	20	14	.60	.40
Berry	48	27	21	.56	.44

1st Test — Port Elizabeth U.S.A. 7 — S.A. 4

Berry def. Byram 17-16, 15-0; Read def. Davis 15-10, 15-6; Varner-Rutledge def. Kennedy-Webber 15-5, 15-9; Read-Maré def. Berry-Rutledge 7-15, 15-4, 15-3; Davis-Varner def. Byram-Webber 4-15, 15-8, 15-10; Berry def. Read 15-9, 15-5; Byram def. Davis 15-8, 11-15, 15-11; Varner def. Maré 11-6, 11-1; Davis-Berry def. Byram-Brownlee 11-15, 15-2, 15-7; Byram-Webber def. Berry-Rutledge 15-10, 13-15, 18-14; Davis-Varner def. Read-Maré 15-9, 15-11.

2nd Test — Capetown U.S.A. 6 — S.A. 5

Byram def. Berry 12-15, 15-7, 15-9; Davis def. Read 15-12, 15-10; Varner-Welcome def. Kennedy-Webber 15-12, 18-17; Berry-Rutledge def. Read-Maré 15-7, 3-15, 18-14; Byram-Webber def. Davis-Varner 7-15, 15-13, 15-12; Berry def. Read 15-10; 15-7; Byram def. Davis 12-15, 15-10, 15-7; Varner def. Maré 11-4, 11-2; Byram-Read def. Davis-Berry 17-15, 15-9; Byram-Webber def. Berry-Rutledge 15-7, 15-4; Davis-Varner def. Read-Maré 15-6, 15-7.

3rd Test — East London U.S.A. 6 — S.A. 5

Byram def. Berry 15-9, 5-15, 15-9; Read def. Davis 17-16, 15-10; Varner-Rutledge def. Kennedy-Webber 18-13, 12-15, 15-4; Brann-Kennedy def. Berry-Rutledge 15-13, 15-12; Davis-Varner def. Byram-Webber 15-7, 12-15, 15-6; Davis def. Byram 15-5, 15-13; Berry def. Read 12-15, 15-7, 15-6; Varner def. Maré 11-6, 11-6; Berry-Davis def. Read-Byram 18-17, 15-13; Byram-Webber def. Berry-Rutledge 15-4, 15-4; Brann-Kennedy def. Davis-Varner 10-15, 15-2, 15-8.

4th Test — Johannesburg U.S.A. 7 — S.A. 4

Berry def. Byram 15-9, 18-16; Davis def. Read 15-7, 14-17, 15-9; Varner-Rutledge def. Kennedy-Webber 15-10, 12-15, 15-12; Brann-Kennedy def. Berry-Rutledge 15-8, 15-11; Davis-Varner def. Byram-Webber 15-7, 15-9; Read def. Berry 14-18, 15-7, 15-8; Davis def. Byram 15-7, 9-15, 15-12; Varner def. Maré 11-1, 11-3; Davis-Berry def. Brann-Byram 15-9, 10-15, 15-11; Byram-Webber def. Berry-Rutledge 15-12, 15-3; Brann-Kennedy def. Davis-Varner 15-6, 15-3.

5th Test — Pretoria U.S.A. 7 — S.A. 4

Leib def. Byram 15-8, 15-2; Davis def. Read 8-15, 15-5, 15-6; Varner-Rutledge def. Kennedy-Webber 15-10, 15-2; Brann-Kennedy def. Berry-Rutledge 11-15, 15-11, 15-7; Davis-Varner def. Byram-Webber 15-9, 9-15, 15-4; Read def. Leib 9-15, 15-7, 15-12; Davis def. Byram 11-15, 15-14, 15-9; Welcome def. Maré 7-11, 11-6, 11-5; Byram-Brann def. Davis-Berry 15-7, 15-4; Byram-Webber def. Berry-Rutledge 15-5, 15-1; Davis-Varner def. Brann-Kennedy 15-7, 9-15, 15-2.

U.S.A. 5 — N. Rhodesia 2 Mufulira

Varner def. Kennedy 11-4, 11-3; Davis def. Brann 15-6, 15-11; Varner-Rutledge def. Kennedy-Mackenzie 15-7, 15-4; Davis-Berry def. Brann-Eland 15-7, 15-9; Eland-Mackenzie def. Leib-Welcome 18-17, 15-9; Davis-Varner def. Kennedy-Gous 18-17, 15-7; Brann-Kennedy def. Berry-Rutledge 15-10, 15-8.

U.S.A. 7 — Rhodesia 0 Salsbury

Rutledge def. Kennedy 11-0, 11-3; Davis def. Brann 15-3, 15-9; Varner-Welcome def. Kennedy-Mackenzie 15-5, 17-14; Davis-Berry def. Brann-Eland 11-15, 15-11, 15-3; Davis-Varner def. Brann-Kennedy 15-13, 8-15, 15-12; Berry-Rutledge def. Eland-Mackenzie 15-5, 15-1; Leib-Welcome def. Thorne-Gous 16-18, 15-8, 15-7.

U.S.A. 7 — S. Rhodesia 0 Bulawayo

Welcome def. Vissar 11-3, 11-6; Leib def. Authers 15-2, 15-2; Varner-Rutledge def. Poole-Pelan 15-3, 15-3; Davis-Berry def. Byrne-Thorne 15-8, 15-10; Leib-Welcome def. vanderWall-Phelan 15-6, 15-11; Davis-Varner def. Thorne-Thorne 15-8, 15-4; Berry-Rutledge def. Authers-Poole 15-9, 17-14.

U.S.A. 5 — S. Transvaal 2 Johannesburg

Varner def. Maré 11-1, 11-4; Davis def. Read 15-7, 9-15, 15-2; Varner-Rutledge def. Ric Hansen-Maré 15-5, 15-4; Davis-Berry def. duPlessis-Read 13-18, 15-12, 18-16; vanderMuelen-Schnell def. Leib-Welcome 15-2, 13-18, 18-17; duPlessis-Ric Hansen def. Berry-Rutledge 10-15; 15-4, 15-3; Davis-Varner def. Read Maré 15-12, 9-15, 15-10.

U.S.A. 7 — E. Transvaal 0 Brakpan

(Scores not available).

U.S.A. 7 — Natal 0 Durban

Welcome def. Donnelly 11-1, 11-1; Leib def. Ferreira 15-6, 15-10; Varner-Rutledge def. Green-Miller 15-5, 15-2; Davis-Berry def. Parris-Young 15-11, 15-3; Leib-Welcome def. Green-Maynex 15-11, 17-18, 18-14; Berry-Rutledge def. Hartley-Young 15-7, 15-6; Davis-Varner def. Parris-Slade 15-4, 15-4.

U.S.A. 7 — Natal 0 Pietermaritzburg

Welcome def. Green 11-1, 11-5; Leib def. Ferreira 15-11, 15-4; Welcome-Rutledge def. Cochrane-Miller 15-7, 15-2; Davis-Berry def. Parris-Young 15-11, 15-7; Leib-Welcome def. Mayno-Green 15-5, 15-9; Berry-Rutledge def. vanden-Brink-Hartley 15-4, 15-10; Davis-Varner def. Parris-Slade 13-15, 15-1, 18-16.

U.S.A. 7 — Orange Free State 0 Welkom

Leib def. Borskab 15-2, 15-3; Varner def. Smit 11-1, 11-1; Berry-Davis def.

U.S.A. Won 103 — S.A. Won 34

Test Matches	Provin. Matches	Singles	Doubles	Mx.
19	28	10	15	22
25	26	14	15	22
2	19	5	5	11
2	19	9	1	11
14	21	1	12	22
23	25	10	16	22

Haiden-Nieuwenhuyzen 15-2, 15-4; Varner-Welcome def. Smit-Oakley 15-7, 15-0; Davis-Varner def. Haiden-vanZyl 15-1, 15-5; Berry-Rutledge def. Nieuwenhuyzen-Wearne 15-2, 15-3; Leib-Welcome def. Smit-Oakley 15-4, 15-7.

U.S.A. 4 — W. Providence 3 Capetown

Varner def. Cerff 11-0, 11-0; Leib def. Brownlee 9-15, 15-11, 15-1; Varner-Welcome def. Hilarides-Smith 15-1, 15-4; Byram-Steele def. Davis-Berry 12-15, 15-11, 15-4; Anderson-Cerff def. Leib-Welcome 15-6, 15-11; Brownlee-Smith def. Berry-Rutledge 13-18, 15-13, 15-12; Davis-Varner def. Byram-Hilarides 15-10, 14-17, 15-4.

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Forest where we were outfitted with rain coats and hats to protect ourselves from the abundant spray of the falls. We hated to leave the Falls and the lovely hotel where we stayed but had to push on to Kitwe for an invitational match.

The Northern Rhodesians again offered their very fine hospitality which we had experienced at the start of the trip in the way of cocktail parties, visit to a copper mine, a native welfare center, dinner at the Kitwe Club, luncheon with the Mayor, etc., etc. We won this last encounter 8-4.

On our return trip, we had a plane stop in Nairobi where an exhibition match was arranged for that evening. Those of us who took part in these matches felt that this was one of the most appreciative audiences for which we had played on the trip. Afterward, we were told that our coming had added the impetus needed for the players to organize an association—which they had wanted to do but until now the clubs had never gathered together in one evening or met each other. All in all, this was one of the most salutary experiences we enjoyed during the entire trip.

From Nairobi we departed for London and New York on August 27th. We were a very weary and bedraggled crew of Americans who were fortunate enough to have enjoyed six unforgettable weeks of meeting wonderful people, seeing country and sights which we had never dreamed of seeing, traveling 30,000 miles, and playing winning badminton.

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